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NATIONAL ARCHIVES

at 2482 Lowry Ave.

February 17, 1945

MEMO SAC:

RE: REV. JERRY OWENS with alias HARRY ROBERTS
[REDACTED] VICTIM
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

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Rev. Jerry Owen (inset), former football star at University of Southern California and now a northwest evangelist, and Frances McCarty, shown above at police headquarters, were sentenced to 30 days in jail and fined \$50 each in Portland municipal court Saturday on morals charges.

Football-Evangelist, Girl Guilty on Morals Charge

BY WALLACE TURNER
Staff Writer, The Oregonian

Rev. Jerry Owen, 31, ex-football player at the University of Southern California, non-denominational evangelist, was convicted of disorderly conduct involving morals in municipal court Saturday and Judge J. J. Quillin fined him \$50 and sentenced him to 30 days in jail.

Patrolman Ray Sims, police vice operative, testified that he and his partner, Burt Mulligan, arrested the minister in a hotel room in the downtown district in company with Frances McCarty, 22. Sims said the lights in the room were low and that Rev. Mr. Owen was wearing his trousers with no shoes or shirt. Miss McCarty wore her pajamas and a negligee, said the officer. The woman drew the same

fine and sentence as the minister.

Rev. Mr. Owen, who said he is married and the father of a child, maintained the arrest was part of a campaign on the part of jealous ministers to smear him. He said he has held revival meetings all over the northwest and had a sermon with radio hookup scheduled Sunday morning.

Patrolman Sims said he knocked on the door for more than ten minutes, but that no one answered. Leaving Patrolman Mulligan at the door, Sims said he went downstairs and called the room on the house telephone. The minister answered, Sims said, and agreed to open the door to the officers.

In court Rev. Mr. Owen declared the woman had been associated with him since she was

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14 years old. He said he arrived in Portland on the 10 P. M. train from Tacoma Friday night and that she met him at the station.

Bath Just Taken

"She has been just like a sister to me," said the minister. "She's a good kid and has just got off on the wrong foot. When I got off the train she told me she was in trouble and wanted me to go to her hotel room and wait until her boy friend could come so I could talk it over with them."

Patrolman Sims said Rev. Mr. Owen explained his partly dressed condition with "I was just taking a bath when you called."

At the conclusion of the preacher's testimony, Judge Quillin asked, "You don't expect us to believe that, do you?"

Rev. Mr. Owen didn't reply.

The preacher said after the trial that he "was all through."

"This mess will ruin me," he declared.

Rev. Mr. Owen said he had been an evangelist for eight years and had played football at the University of Southern California before entering the ministry. He said he would probably appeal the conviction to circuit court.

CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
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SUBJECT _____

No. _____

OFFICER'S REPORT

TIME 3:00 AMCAPTAIN ShreveFebruary 17, 1945, 194

Arrested
Frances McCarty Age 22
Charge-disorderly conduct &
hold for Health Department
Photo and Prints-Hold for F.B.I.
Oliver B. Ownes age 30
Charge-disorderly conduct &
Hold for F.B.I.
Bail \$250 each set by Capt Shreve

Sir: Acting on information received from Mr. E. L. Barton of the Portland office of the F.B.I. we visited room #826 of the Mallory Hotel, 729 SW 15th where we found the aside two parties in the room in a partially undressed condition. We arrested them on a charge of disorderly conduct and brought them to the station where Capt Shreve set bail at \$250 each. They had registered for the room on 2-16-45 as man and wife. We also requested that Miss McCarty be held for the Health Department and that a photo be taken of her.

Additional holds for the F.B.I. were placed against both of them. Mr. Ownes informed us that his office wished to talk to them.

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Portland, Oregon
March 12, 1945

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was,
[REDACTED], was, VICTIM.
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

<u>Name (inc. aliases)</u>	<u>City, Police Arrest, or Other Number.</u>	<u>Approximate date Fin- gerprints forwarded Federal Bureau of In- vestigation.</u>	<u>Fingerprint Classifica- tion.</u>
OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, Rev. Jerry Owen, Harry Roberts, F. McCarty	Portland PD Arrest No. 22115		

[REDACTED] Portland PD
Arrest No.
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Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge
J. E. HENNINGTON

3/22/45
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Origin: PORTLAND, OREGON

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Made at PORTLAND, OREGON	Date 3-16-45	Period 2-17, 19, 24, 26, 27-45	Made by WILLIAM E. GELDER	VW
Title OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, with aliases, Rev. Jerry Owen, Harry Roberts, [REDACTED] with al [REDACTED] -VICTIM			Character WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT	

SYNOPSIS:

On 6-10-43 subject, an evangelist, wrote to victim's mother and sent \$50.00 for victim's transportation from [REDACTED] to Portland, Oregon. Subject arranged and furnished money for victim to travel from Seattle, Washington to Portland, Oregon on 2-25-45 for [REDACTED] in Portland. Victim stated to witnesses that subject was responsible for [REDACTED] and they stayed together at witnesses home in Portland on night of 2-12-45. Subject and victim arrested by PD, Portland, in undressed condition at the Mallory Hotel on 2-17-45 and sentenced to 30 days and fined \$50.00 on disorderly conduct charge. Subject and victim presently on \$250 appeal bond. Both subject and victim deny any immoral relationship.

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DETAILS:

AT PORTLAND, OREGON:

The following investigation is predicated upon a complaint made by Mr. and Mrs. HECTOR W. MACAFFREE, King Albert Apartments, 1899 S. W. 11th Avenue, who visited the Portland Field Division and advised that they had received information to the effect that the subject in this case was responsible for the victim [REDACTED] from Seattle, Washington to Portland, Oregon, for the purpose of [REDACTED]. These informants further stated that [REDACTED] in Portland, Oregon, and that on the night the complaint was made, February 16, 1945, the subject and the victim, it was learned through Mrs. W. D.

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WALLER, 1089 Westwood Drive, were registered as man and wife in Room 826 at the Mallory Hotel. This information was furnished to the Portland Police Department and they were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

The Officer's Report which was furnished to this office by the Portland Police Department and made out by Detectives RAY SIMS and A. C. MULLIGAN and C. E. MEYDEL, set out in substance that the victim, age 22, and the subject, age 30, had been charged with disorderly conduct, in view of the fact that they had been arrested in Room 826 of the Mallory Hotel, 729 S. W. 15th Avenue, in a partially undressed condition. This report further states that they were brought to the police station where Captain SHREVE set their bail at \$250.00 each. This report further sets out that they had registered for the room on February 16, 1945 as man and wife.

The writer contacted Detective RAY SIMS of the Portland Police Department relative to this case and SIMS related that that date at 1:30 A.M. he and the above mentioned two detectives proceeded to the Mallory Hotel and knocked on the door of Room No. 826. SIMS stated that after knocking on the door for a period of ten to fifteen minutes he left one of the other detectives to guard the door and proceeded to the hotel desk on the ground floor and there telephoned Room 826, at which time the subject answered the phone and agreed to allow them to enter the room. SIMS further stated that when he entered the room the subject was dressed only in a pair of pants and undershirt and stated to him that he had just taken a bath in the room while the victim had left the room for the purpose of obtaining some bottles of beer and sandwiches. SIMS stated that the victim had on a bathrobe, and added, that the bed in the room was in a mussed up condition and apparently had been slept in by two people. SIMS also stated that the room was dark when they first started knocking on it but that after the door was opened there was a light apparently coming from the bathroom. SIMS advised that he did not feel the bed to see if it was warm on both sides, nor did he check the condition of the bathtub to determine if it was still wet. SIMS added that he allowed the victim to pack her clothing and it was checked at the desk of the Mallory Hotel while the subject and victim were taken to the police department.

The writer was in the Municipal Court at police headquarters when this case came to trial. The victim plead guilty, as did the subject, and the presiding judge J. J. McQUILLIAN sentenced both of them to thirty days in jail and a \$50.00 fine. During the questioning of the subject and victim by the court, the subject stated that he had met the victim at the Union Station just as he was getting off the train at Tacoma, Washington, and that she had asked him to join her at her room at the Mallory Hotel in order that he might meet her "boy friend". The subject further stated that it was his opinion that there

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was some trouble between the victim and her boy friend "JOE", and that he had been called upon by the victim to straighten this trouble out. The subject further stated that the victim had been just like a sister to him since she was fourteen years of age and that she had lived in his home and was with his mother at Crystal Lake Park, Milwaukie, Oregon. During the conversation had between the court and the subject the court changed the subject's plea from guilty to not guilty inasmuch as the subject did not enter into immoral relations with the victim.

After the victim was returned to the women's quarters of the jail, the writer interviewed her in the presence of the matron at which time she denied any immoral relationship between the subject and herself but admitted that she had gone from Seattle, Washington to Portland, Oregon for [REDACTED], which was [REDACTED].

The victim further stated that a man by the name of JOE FOSTER was [REDACTED] but she could not advise as to where he stayed in Portland or Seattle, Washington, nor did she know for whom he worked. The victim also stated she knew nothing concerning his background and nothing which would aid in locating him.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JOHN E. HOLMES and the writer:

The following is a signed statement, which is being retained in the exhibit envelope relative to this case, which was furnished by the subject at the police department headquarters:

"I, OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, also known as JERRY OWEN, do hereby make this free and voluntary statement to William E. Golder and John E. Holmes who have shown me their credentials setting out that they are special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to me to induce me to make this statement and the only reason that I do so is because it is the truth.

"I was born at Ashland, Ohio on April 16, 1913 the son of BENJAMIN F. OWEN, deceased, and MURIEL C. OWEN, Crystal Lake Park, Milwaukie, Oregon. I graduated from High School at Metropolitan High School in Los Angeles, California and attended one year of school at University of Southern California in 1937.

"I am an evangelist with We the People, Incorporated, Crystal Lake Park, Milwaukie, Oregon and have had this group for over three years. I was the founder of the San Francisco Gospel Center in Los Angeles, Calif. and also founded the Victory Hour Broadcast, Incorporated in

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Tacoma, Washington. I buy time on radio stations to broadcast sermons.

"I first met [redacted] whose right name [redacted] [redacted] about Christmas in 1938 at the Open Bible Church in that city. I stayed there for about five weeks. My wife was in San Francisco, Calif. having a baby at the time.

"about a year later I saw [redacted] and at this time she said that she wanted to work for my wife and I as a secretary. I just stayed one day or so and then I left and did not see her for some time about June 1943. At this time I saw her at the Greyhound Bus depot. [redacted] had written to me and wanted to know if it would be alright if she came out to the Crystal Lake Gospel camp. She stayed all summer until about October when my wife and I took her and put her on the bus for [redacted].

"About Christmas time 1943 she came back to Portland, Oregon and she told me that she hitchhiked her way and as far as I know she has been here ever since. I would only see her occasionally when she came to the services at Crystal Lake. About September 1944 [redacted] stayed with my mother at Crystal Lake Park and she has stayed at my house with my wife when I was away on business.

[redacted] has worked at the Roosevelt Hotel, Benson Hotel as elevator operator and bell hop. This was about three or four months ago. EVELYN CAMERON, Milwaukie, Oregon told me that [redacted] was fired from the Roosevelt Hotel for being in a room with some service men. EVELYN CAMERON now has her job at the Roosevelt Hotel. She also worked at the Dragoon, a Chinese eating place, in Milwaukie for awhile. This was in September 1944. The only time that I would see her would be in the church meeting or she would come out to the Crystal Lake Park and ride my horses.

"When EVELYN CAMERON told me that she had been fired from the Roosevelt Hotel I made arrangements with Mrs. MARRISON, Tacoma, Washington, phone Maine 1467, and who lives on Broadway about a block above the Buick garage, to take her in and give her a home and get her board and room in return for work that she did around the house. MRS. MARRISON runs a home for wayward girls for the Police in Tacoma, Washington. It is a girls Christian home.

"I saw her about three time_ at this house when others were present during January 1945. While I was in Seattle, Washington having meetings there I was talking to MRS MARRMON on the phone one day and she told me that [REDACTED] was taking [REDACTED]. The way I understand it some nurse had told her to do this. MRS. MARRMON called me on the phone and told me that I had told the girl [REDACTED] but I didn't give [REDACTED] any advice at all about [REDACTED]. I asked [REDACTED] later when I got back to Tacoma, Washington in front of MRS MARRMON, MRS HYDELL and a couple of other women that I don't know, who got [REDACTED] and she said it was some fellow that she was going with but she did not mention his name.

"About two weeks ago I saw her in Portland, Oregon on the street near the Bates Motoramp and she wanted to borrow a couple of dollars and she told me that she was waiting for a job or something. The next time that I saw her was at the train from Tacoma, Washington. I was at the depot and I saw her in the waiting room in the depot. She said that she had to see me that night and she told me to see her in room 826 on the corner of 15th and Yamhill streets. I got up there about 11:00 PM because I had to see a sailor off on the train. I can't remember the sailor's name that I was on the train with but I had to see him off for Los Angeles, California and I got something to eat and then went to see her.

"I went directly to the room that she had given me and she opened the door and I stood there in the door way for awhile and then went in. She told me that she wanted me to meet JOE, that he was out of the room but that she expected him in any moment. She didn't tell me JOE's last name but she wanted me to see him. I don't know what she wanted me to see JOE for but I think that she wanted him to ask me for some money. I have never met JOE but with the exception of RED UPTEGROVE, Milwaukie, Oregon and MRS. MARRMON's son I don't know anyone that she has gone with. After about 45 minutes of talking about my horses and little things of no consequence she went out to get some beer for herself. I noticed that one of the two beds in the room was mussed up and she said something about being too lazy to make the bed when her old man left. She came back with some beer and made a crack about not offering me any. While she was gone I took a bath in the bathroom but I was dressed when she came back. Then she came back she went into the bathroom and took off her dress and put on a red robe and got on the bed and drank some beer. It was one o'clock by that time and I told her that I had to go but she wanted me to wait for JOE. I was sitting on the couch and fell asleep. I hadn't put on my shirt

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or tie yet when the police came and knocked on the door. The police knocked on the door several times and then the phone rang several times and then they knocked again. It took about four or five minutes before she opened the door. When the knock came on the door she made a sign to me and told me that it wasn't JOE and she did not want to open the door. I beleive that it was about 1 o'clock when the police came.

"I think that she was staying at the YWCA when she came back to Portland from Tacoma, Washington. If she wasn't staying at the YWCA I don't know where she was staying.

"I don't know why she came to Portland, Oregon except that I heard that she came here on the way to [REDACTED] after she had married some fellow but I don't know who she was going to marry. I don't know if she was running around much in Tacoma but she was free to come and go as she wanted while she was staying there.

"I have never had any [REDACTED] nor have I ever had [REDACTED]. She was just like a kid in the family or one of the flock. I have never taken her across a state line nor have I ever bought here a train or bus ticket or arranged for [REDACTED] to take any trips except as mentioned above. I have given her money but not over \$10.00 or \$15.00 all together. She always paid the money back.

"I have read this statement consisting of this and two other pages and it is all true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I realize that I do not have to make this statement or sign it and I have made this statement voluntarily and of my own free will and no threats or promises have been made to me. I have also been advised that this statement may be used against me in a court of law.

JERRY OWEN /s/

Witnessed:

JOHN E. HOLMES, Spec. Agent F.B.I., Portland, Oregon /s/

WILLIAM E. GELDER, Special Agent FBI, Portland, Oregon /s/ "

OWENS advised that he was registered with Local Board 95, 50 Oak Street, San Francisco, California, under Order No. 54, and that as of June 12, 1943, he was classified as 4-D. OWENS stated that he was not delinquent with his draft board and that his address at the above mentioned draft board would be 2615 Harrison Street, Milwaukie, Oregon. OWENS stated that he was first ordained as a minister at San Francisco, California just before Christmas, 1938, and that he was later ordained by Dr. BROCK at Hawthorne Temple, Portland,

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Oregon on December 2, 1941. OWENS stated that this is a Pentacostal Church and that his ordination could be substantiated by calling Dr. BROCK at telephone No. Lancaster 3449.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer:

W. SPRAGUE, Identification Officer, Portland Police Department produced the records of that organization relative to subject and set out his physical description as follows:

Name:	OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN alias JERRY OWEN
Address:	2615 Harrison St., Milwaukie, Ore.
Age:	31
Born:	4-16-13; Ashland, Ohio
Citizenship:	American
Race:	White
Height:	6 feet
Weight:	212 pounds
Build:	Stout
Hair:	Brown (curly)
Eyes:	Blue
Complexion:	Light
Scars & marks:	None visible
Occupation:	Minister with The People, Inc., Crystal Lake Park, Milwaukie, Ore.
Criminal record:	Arrested by Portland PD 2-17-45 for disorderly conduct under Arrest No. 22115
Wife:	Beverly A. Owen, 2615 Harrison St., Milwaukie, Oregon.
Mother:	MURIEL C. OWEN, Crystal Lake Park, Milwaukie, Oregon.
Son:	[REDACTED] (with wife)

R. W. SPRAGUE further produced the records relative to the victim which set out the following information:

Name:	[REDACTED]
Age:	22, (according to police but actually 18)
Born:	7-12-22, Des Moines, Iowa

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Race:	White
Height:	5 feet
Weight:	105 pounds
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Complexion:	Medium
Scars:	None noticeable
Occupation:	Singer, according to police records, but actually hotel bellhop and elevator operator.
Nationality:	American
Criminal Record:	Arrested by Portland PD on 2-17-45 for immoral conduct under arrest #A-1080.
Mother:	Mrs. EDNA ROATH
Sister:	Mrs. ROBERT E. DARR, 4008 6th Ave., Des Moines, Ia.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JOHN D. HOLMES and the writer:

R. W. CLARK, Manager of the Mallory Hotel, 15th and Yamhill Street, upon interview advised that between 1 A.M. and 2 A.M. on February 17, 1945, while he was in his room, 830, he heard a pounding on the door of Room 826. CLARK further stated that shortly thereafter the phone in Room 826 began ringing, and he felt that it was disturbing the entire eighth floor. CLARK stated that this knocking and ringing continued for approximately fifteen minutes after which the same stopped. CLARK stated that he did not see the subject or victim at any time but produced registration card 8003 which was signed [REDACTED], Seattle, Washington". Examination of this card reflected that Room 826 of the Mallory Hotel was assigned to this party at five P.M., February 16, 1945. CLARK stated that he was not at the hotel desk at the time this card was filled out, but added that Mrs. HAZEL BELMONT was the room clerk at that time and had advised him that the victim registered and had a small girl with her. CLARK also stated that GEORGE R. POFF, 8537 S. E. Foster Road, telephone Tabor 4709, was the bell boy on duty on the evening in question, and that N. W. DISQUE, 1222 N. E. Schuyler Street, telephone TRinity 0846, was the night clerk on duty at 2 A.M. on February 17, 1945.

JIM MURPHY, bell boy at the Mallory Hotel, upon interview advised that at approximately five P.M. the victim in Room 826 ordered two bottles of beer

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which he took to her room. MURPHY also stated that at approximately 6:15 or 6:20 P.M. on the same evening the victim ordered nine bottles of beer and that at 9 P.M. she left the hotel approximately one hour later alone. MURPHY advised that he knew nothing further concerning the activities of the subject and victim in this case.

The following signed statement, which was obtained from WENDELL D. and MILDRED WALLER, is being maintained in the exhibit envelope relative to this case:

"We, WENDELL D. WALLER and MILDRED WALLER make the following voluntary statement to WILLIAM E. GELDER and JOHN E. HOLMES whom we know to be Special Agents for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. We make this statement without fear of punishment or promise of reward. No threats, promises nor duress have been used to induce us to make this statement. We have been told that we do not have to make any statement, and that if we do, it may be used in a court of law. We make this statement believing it to be true.

"We met JERRY OWEN on Friday, January 19th, 1945, at the New Washington Hotel, Seattle, Washington, where we had Room 1202. He was introduced to us as a Reverend by a porter RAY MILLER of the New Washington Hotel and said he would perform our marriage ceremony at 3:00 PM that evening, which he did and left to preach a sermon and returned to our room about 11 o'clock where we were having a small wedding party. He introduced us to his wife at that time as BEVERLY and they stayed until quite late. He stopped by the following day while I was working as a salesman, and we saw him on several occasions for the next two or three days. Then on Monday, January 22nd, he told us that he had been introduced to a very cute little girl, whom a former friend of his thru college had [redacted]. He said this man's name was HARRY and that he knew him at the University of Southern California. HARRY was a married man with two children and he couldn't afford to take her [redacted], and this friend asked him if he would loan him \$200.00 to help him out, which JERRY said he was going to do. On Tuesday, January 23rd, JERRY called us on the phone to step across the hall to his room, 1207, and meet someone. So we did.

"He introduced us to [redacted] and said that these people are friends of mine. JERRY asked us if we knew a [redacted] in Portland who [redacted], and we said we knew of a [redacted]. His reason for wanting her to come to Portland was that some doctor she had visited in Seattle told her that inasmuch as she was two and one half months along, he was afraid to handle the case, but would for \$160, irregard-

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less. I told JERRY that I thought that the Portland [redacted] would run about \$50.00. My wife suggested that if she didn't have any place to go, she could stay at our home; that we would be home on Friday, the 26th.

The reason he was visiting this girl alone in this room was that his wife had taken a boat trip to Victoria, B. C., Canada for a few days, but his little boy, four years old, named [redacted] stayed with JERRY. She, BEVERLY, left Seattle, Wn. on Sunday, January 21st. [redacted] was in the room at the time we met [redacted].

We arrived home at the set time; [redacted] called in the morning on Friday, and Mrs. WALLER picked her up at the YWCA and brought her to our home. She stayed here until Tuesday the 30th of January before going to see the [redacted]. The reason it required that many days was that [redacted] in Portland wanted \$100 and she said that JERRY had only given her \$75.00 and that she only had \$50 of that left, and she was waiting for JERRY to return to Portland in order to get the necessary difference. JERRY arrived here MONDAY, the 29th, I believe, called me and made arrangements for me to meet him, as he wanted to give the girl an additional \$50, but wanted to be sure to come alone and not bring her. We met at the Multnomah Hotel at 1:30 in the afternoon.

"I received the money, and gave it to her in the presence of my wife and the next day I have already explained [redacted] and stayed on at our house until the following Friday when she took the train alone and went to Tacoma.

"In the meantime, I had arranged to meet JERRY at the station when she was leaving on the 1:30 PM train. JERRY came down but didn't get out of the car, nor did he see her; while he had his clothes in the back of his car, he told me he was going to the Hawthorne Temple and change clothes, and catch the 4:00 PM train for Tacoma, where he was to preach that night. It later turned out however, that [redacted] was expecting JERRY on her train, and when the train failed to pull out with JERRY aboard she left the train at Vancouver, and called us back home to see if we knew why JERRY didn't get on. We learned of this at a later date as we were not home when she called. She took, then, the next train for Tacoma, and met JERRY at the Winthrop Hotel, Tacoma. However, I believe she said she went to his studio where he was preaching and walked with him from the studio to the Winthrop. She returned to our home unexpectedly on Monday, February 5th, stating that JERRY had insisted on her coming back to see [redacted] again as she wasn't

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feeling too well.

"She called [REDACTED], and he assured her there was nothing to worry about, but instead of going on her way, she stayed on here until Friday, February 16th. We charged her nothing for her stay here, but JERRY offered to pay us for any trouble we had been put to. JERRY visited her here on several occasions, altho it was on the pretense of seeing me, and would send her out of the room so that he could talk to me about getting her to go back to her Mother for his friend HARRY in Seattle no longer wanted her and that she didn't know that he JERRY, was a minister, but had represented himself as a salesman; this too, of course for my benefit--why I don't know. JERRY not knowing previously, [REDACTED] had told my wife and I that JERRY was [REDACTED] and that since [REDACTED] she had [REDACTED], but as in church work. She told us it was he that was the [REDACTED], and this was at [REDACTED]

"She went on to tell us that she lived with JERRY and his wife here in Portland at their home, but that his wife recently demanded that she [REDACTED], stay out of the picture as far as JERRY was concerned. Consequently that was why JERRY was keeping [REDACTED] hidden when his wife was with him in the various towns he preached in such as Tacoma, Seattle, Vancouver, B. C., and Portland, which was accomplished by having her go, as I understand it, most frequently to some home of one of the women in his congregation, and when he desired to be with her, would rent a hotel room.

"It was on one of these occasions of telling MRS. WALLER and I of her history with JERRY that he didn't dare try to leave her or try to get rid of her as she had too much on him, such as that he had sporting girls working for him in Los Angeles while he was driving a taxi cab. I believe this was probably nine years ago or more. However she went on to say he had even committed a murder; not knowing how true it is, I can't swear as to the statement, but it was supposed to have been some woman he met in Chicago and with whom he drove to Texas, and that she double-crossed him in some way, and in a fit of temper, did away with her, but the authorities believe it was a car accident. I am not positive, but I believe it was in either Dallas or El Paso, Texas. He took what money she had, I believe it was a sum of between \$6000 and \$7000, and left for Los Angeles.

"So knowing all this from her, made me seem rather foolish when I would be in discussions with JERRY, and he would refer to [REDACTED] as "the little girl he was helping out" and that her boy friend probably never would pay him the money back that he had spent on her so far.

"Recently, Monday, February 12th, JERRY showed up at our home around 9:30 in the morning. [REDACTED] admitted him to the house, Mrs. WALLER and I were still in bed, and he came into our bedroom and said he wanted to talk to me. As I recall, it was nothing of great importance, so he spent the day here on the pretense of visiting with me, altho it was quite obvious that it was [REDACTED] that he wanted to see. They ate dinner with us here, and JERRY said he was going to leave shortly, but he wanted to talk to [REDACTED] about [REDACTED] that he was married and had a little boy, and that she couldn't afford to have designs on him. Frankly, [REDACTED] looked very down in the mouth and sad during the entire day. It was noticeable that she thought JERRY was trying to get rid of her, even tho JERRY thought we supposed he was simply being a friend, a small child could have seen there had been a long standing association between them. Anyway, Mrs. WALLER and I retired around 9 o'clock and at 1 o'clock we awakened and decided we would get a snack in the kitchen only to find that JERRY and [REDACTED] were also eating and JERRY told me at the time that he was going to leave right away. Feeling that he would, we went on to bed, and at 7:00 the next morning when we got up to get the children off to school, we found his car was still in our driveway, and Mrs. WALLER found they were using our guest room and had to awaken [REDACTED] to get JERRY to move his car so that we could get our car out of the garage. [REDACTED] told us that morning that JERRY had more or less kicked her out of bed because she laid too close to him all night and she was in tears over the affair.

"JERRY left our house then on Tuesday afternoon, which was February 13th, and after he left [REDACTED] told us that they had set up most of the night drinking; that he had gotten drunk and that he confessed to her that he had recently gotten rid of six or seven sporting women in Seattle that were working, for him, and that one of these were reported to be Japanese.

"At one time, [REDACTED] asked us to pick mail up for her at General Delivery. She said that she goes under the name of Mrs. JOE FOSTER. We asked her how come this name, and she said her mother thought she was married to JOE FOSTER who was in the service. Her sister I believe lives in [REDACTED], and her mother in [REDACTED].

"On Tuesday, February 13th, I asked JERRY if he wouldn't have her boy friend send for her for she was well and had been staying at the house far too long; the whole thing was getting on Mrs. WALLER's nerves. He said he would loan her the money to go back home, and that he was going to California the following week. She later told us that he arranged with her to catch the train and meet him in California.

"On Friday, the 16th of February, [REDACTED] asked me to make her a reservation at the Benson Hotel, which I did. JERRY called from Tacoma at noon or shortly thereafter and told me he was leaving then for Portland. He told me to tell [REDACTED] to make arrangements to catch "that" train Saturday. At that time, [REDACTED] took the phone and apparently he told her the same thing, because she said "No I have changed my mind. I am not going. I have made arrangements to check into the Benson under the name of [REDACTED]." JERRY said he was leaving and would be here very soon, so she said she would meet him at the hotel.

"She packed her bags and left in the car with Mrs. WALLER and myself as Mrs. WALLER was taking me to the station to catch the 4 o'clock train to Seattle. They took me to the station first and then Mrs. WALLER took [REDACTED] to the Benson where they couldn't accomodate her, but the management made arrangements with the Mallory Hotel, where Mrs. WALLER delivered her and went up to her room and visited for a little while.

"[REDACTED] told Mrs. WALLER that on Saturday night, February 10th, she had stayed at the Multnomah Hotel with JERRY. I do not know the name they used at this hotel, but JERRY registered first because he called her and told her to come on down to the Multnomah.

"I, WENDELL D. WALLER have dictated this statement from my best recollection of the facts. I MILDRED WALLER have contributed to this statement from facts as I recall them. We have both read the foregoing statement consisting of the four typewritten pages including this one and believe it is the truth. We have initialled any corrections and have initialled each page as evidence that we have so read it."

WENDELL WALLER /s/
MILDRED WALLER /s/

Witnesses:

WILLIAM E. GELDER, FBI Portland, Oregon /s/
JOHN E. HOLMES, FBI Spec. Agent, Portland, Oregon /s/

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Confidential Informant T-1 advised as follows: That the subject wrote to the victim's mother on stationery with the heading "We The People, Crystal Lake Gospel Park, Inc., Milwaukie, Oregon" on the date of June 10, 1943 as follows:

"Dear Mrs. [REDACTED],

"I suppose you were surprised to have no phone you long distance from Portland, but I know your girl was disappointed when she couldn't come out to camp last summer. I received the letter from you last summer, stating it was alright for her to come to Crystal Lake Gospel Camp. [REDACTED] can help Beverly quite a bit in watching out little boy and she can also work in the ice cream and pop stand here at camp.

"We have a beautiful fifteen acre christian camp just seven miles out of Portland in a little suburb town which is called Milwaukie. We have a tabernacle seating fifteen hundred and several cabins and cottages. We have thousands of people that come to the camp each summer. The camp opens July the fourth and runs ten and one half weeks until Labor Day.

"[REDACTED] can spend the summer here and return in time for school. I'm sure she will be a great help to Beverly because Beverly isn't very strong. You wouldn't have to worry about [REDACTED], because she will be with christian people all the time. If her school is out she can come right away. Send me a wire when she leaves [REDACTED] and we will meet her here in Portland at the Greyhound bus depot. Trusting you are all well and strong.

Sincerely yours,

Evang. JERRY OWEN /s/
Jerry Owen

P.S. The bus fare is \$29.50 I believe
Inclose is a check for \$50.00 which will cover
the buss. fare and food, etc. "

A photographic copy of the above mentioned letter and envelope are being retained in the exhibit envelope relative to this case.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that the victim was at one time, under the name of [REDACTED] living at [REDACTED] telephone 65534, and employed under Social Security No. [REDACTED], as well as Social Security No. [REDACTED] while working at the Columbia Hotel, Kelso, Washington. T-1 also stated that the subject under the name of [REDACTED] at one time lived at 2183 N. W. Hoyt Street, Portland, telephone BRoadway 5847; that the subject had a birth certificate, register number [REDACTED] setting out that she was born as [REDACTED] on July 12, 1926 at [REDACTED], the daughter of FRANK H. [REDACTED] and EMMA [REDACTED] 933 7th Street, Des Moines, Iowa. That the subject has a sister Mrs. ROBERT E. DARR living at 4008 6th Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. That the subject sometimes received mail addressed to her as Mrs. J. FOSTER, 610 Broadway, Tacoma, Washington. That the subject has a close friend or sister by the name of MARY SMITH, 4374 James Street, Vancouver, B. C. That the subject frequently received letters addressed to Mrs. [REDACTED] c/o General Delivery, Portland, Oregon. That the subject received a letter so addressed and postmarked Mercer, [REDACTED], on February 8, 1945, signed "mother" with the return on the envelope being Box 208 Laidell, Iowa. That there was a W. O. McCARTY living at Lianville, Iowa. That the subject has a friend by the name of R. OGDEN, 218 6th Street, New Webster, B. C. and one friend MARY NOBLE, 5150 Balsom Street, Vancouver, B. C.

On January 19, 1945, Special Agent J. E. HOLMES and the writer when at Police headquarters saw the victim as she was being released from jail.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer:

ELEANOR KIRKEL, Assistant Clerk of the Municipal Court, City Hall, upon request produced the Municipal Court docket 155 which set out on page 84 under date of February 17, 1945 that [REDACTED] was arrested by Detectives WEYDEL, SIMS and MULLIGAN, charged with disorderly conduct at headquarters; that a fine, receipt number 3-86864, had been issued; that she had pleaded not guilty, had been fined \$50.00 and sentenced to thirty days, the appeal bond being in the amount of \$250.00, and that complaint number F-45168 had been issued relative to her.

The Municipal Court Docket as described above was the same in all respects as to the subject. This docket also set out that R. W. BANKS, City Attorney, swore out the complaint charging in substance that on February 17, 1945, the subject and victim committed a disorderly act at the Mallory Hotel,

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Room 826, and that they were registered as man and wife and were in a state of undress when apprehended. This complaint was issued on February 17, 1945.

EDWARD O'DRANE, officer of the Portland Police Department at the City Jail, advised the writer that he had opened a letter addressed to the subject by mistake. This letter, upon examination, was postmarked Portland 4, Oregon, but bore no return address. The letter is as follows:

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"Dear Jerry:

"Why in heaven's name did you get yourself into a mess like this. Honestly Jerry, when I read about it in the paper it cut and it cut deep. At any rate, I am not suspecting the worst, though I suppose I am crazy not to, and I am waiting for your release. No matter what happens I will be waiting because I have just got to see you. If you won't let me see you when you get out I'll go to your mother and tell her everything and find out where you have gone.

Please don't fail me again. I don't think I realized until all this happened, just what you meant to me. At first I was going to talk to you in person but I decided it would be best for me not to come down, remember, I want to see you.

As ever

Lillian "

O'DRANE further stated in regard to the victim's release that he had been advised by bondsman FRANK HOCHFELD that attorney WILLIAM DICKSON had taken the victim back into the court room before Municipal Judge J. J. QUILLIAN and the judge allowed the victim to change her plea and entered a plea of "not guilty" so that appeal bond might be made for her.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised that JEAN KELLY, 538 South Fremont, Los Angeles, California, wrote an airmail letter postmarked at Los Angeles, California on February 23, 1945, addressed to the subject in this case, which is as follows:

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"Dear Jerry:

"After unsuccessfully trying to locate you for two years, I pick up a local paper and read of your having some trouble in Portland which I am sorry but glad to be able to locate you.

"Our son is well and in good health thanks to me. But dont you think that your vacation is over? By that I mean dont you think it is about time you helped support him.

"Now I am going to be very brief and right to the point. I went to the F.B.I. today and know exactly what I can do.

"I dont want to cause you any trouble and I don't _____ anything only support for our son, which is only right. I gave you a fair trail and thought perhaps your conscious would make you do the right thing and help me with the Baby, but evidently you dont understand anything that is right.

"So I am giving you a chance to come to an agreement. So expect a letter by return Mail."

Yours truly

Jean"

A photographic copy of this letter is being retained in the exhibit envelope relative to this case.

The victim was located at the Fred Meyer's Company Drug Warehouse, 1709 S. E. 3rd Avenue, at which time she stated that she was residing with Mrs. FENES, Ballington Club, 138 S. E. 8th Avenue, and that she intended to keep this position until her case was appealed or disposed of.

On February 24, 1945, the victim was interviewed at the Portland Field Division in the presence of PETER J. MEANEY and Stenographer SHIRLEY KRESHEN, at which time she denied ever having any immoral relations with the subject, or that she had crossed any state lines with him or at his suggestion.

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Victim also refused to furnish any written statement concerning her past, and advised that her Attorney WILLIAM DIXON had counselled her that she was not obligated in the F.B.I. investigation in any way. No information of any value whatsoever was obtained from her during this interview.

W. F. KENNEDY, Assistant Manager; Mrs. JOE WARREN, desk clerk; CAROLINE FLETCHER, office employees of the Multnomah Hotel all viewed photographs of the subject and victim with negative results. The files of the Multnomah Hotel were checked by Miss FLETCHER under the names of OWEN and [REDACTED], ROBERTS, [REDACTED] and FOSTER, with negative results as to a room being rented by subject or victim in that hotel on February 10, 1945.

The following employees of the Multnomah Hotel were interviewed relative to the subject and victim and photographs of them exhibited with negative results: WILLIAM J. HOFFMANN, Associate Manager; VIRGINIA McBRIDE, desk clerk; FRANCES GOGGINS, cashier; WILMA TULLY, bookkeeper; PEGGY MINCO, mail clerk; JACK MURRAY, bell boy; FRANCIS SCOTT, JR., bell boy; CLIFFORD BRAULT, bell boy; CECIL BOWERS, bell boy; HANS LANGHIER, bell boy; LEONARD WALD, bell boy; LEWIS BAIN, head porter, THELMA MORGAN, elevator operator, Mrs. MARTHA LYNCH, head elevator operator; ISABEL WALLIS, housekeeper, ELTA GRIFFIN, maid, ANNA MARIE GRISHIN, maid.

The following employees of the Washington Hotel, 1129 S. W. Washington Street, were interviewed relative to the subject and victim and photographs exhibited with negative results: FLAVEL W. TEMPLE, Manager; MRS. F. W. TEMPLE, desk clerk; Mrs. CATHERINE GRANDSTAD, desk clerk; LEWIS ALEXANDER, bell boy and elevator operator. However, a review of the registration book reflected that the victim was a guest at the hotel on September 6 to 27, inclusive, under the name of [REDACTED].

J. K. NORMAN, Manager; Mrs. LUCY CROSS, desk clerk; and V. J. ELIZABETH VEAROUT, desk clerk, of the Carlton Hotel, 1405 S. W. Washington Street, were interviewed relative to the subject and victim and the photographs exhibited with negative results. The hotel records were checked relative to the subject and victim under their true names and aliases with negative results.

C. D. DAMASKE, Manager, and Mrs. R. SHUTE, desk clerk, Clyde Hotel, 1022 Stark Street, upon interview and display of the pictures of the subject and victim advised that the only information they had was that the victim under the name of [REDACTED] worked as a maid in this hotel during the period of October 1 to 5, 1944, at \$4.00 a day. Mrs. SCHUTE checked the hotel register but the same failed to reflect that the victim had registered there as a guest. However, she did state that the victim had on at least two occasions been registered at the hotel as a guest. Her employment record indicated

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that she was living at the YMCA at the time of her employment.

Mr. C. E. LAWRENCE, Manager of the Benson Hotel, 309 S. W. Broadway, upon interview and display of photographs of subject and victim stated he did not remember either of them; however, a check of the Employees Withholding Exemption Certificate issued under the victim's true name, Social Security Number [REDACTED] indicated under date of January 14, 1944, that the victim was living at the Clyde Hotel and had been employed as an elevator operator at the Benson Hotel on January 14, 15, 16, and 18, 1944. JACK DILLON, Superintendent of Service, Benson Hotel, 309 S. W. Broadway, advised upon interview and after viewing photographs that he remembered the victim but had not at any time seen the victim and subject together. DILLON also stated that the victim advised him that she was married to a traveling salesman working out of Tacoma, Washington. DILLON stated that there were no other employees presently at the hotel which were working there during the time the victim was employed, and that there whereabouts were unknown to him at the present time.

R. G. THOMPSON, Manager, Roosevelt Hotel, 1007 S. W. Park Street, advised upon interview that he remembered the victim working as an elevator operator and a check with his records reflected that the victim under name of [REDACTED] was so employed from November 10 to 24, inclusive, 1944. THOMPSON stated he had never seen the victim and subject together and that she had given her home address as being 218 Yaxhill. THOMPSON stated he sent the victim a letter to this address and it was returned to him marked "No such address".

GEORGE LEUCH, Head Bellboy, Roosevelt Hotel, 1007 S. W. Park Street, advised upon interview that he had been responsible for the victim losing her job as elevator operator at this hotel inasmuch as she spent too much time in the guests rooms. LEUCH stated, however, that although he had frequently seen her in a guest's room he had never found her in any compromising positions. LEUCH stated, however, that the victim told him that she had "approached" OWEN a number of times but he did not seem interested, and added that she was very interested in him. LEUCH said that he had never seen the subject and victim together to the best of his knowledge.

EVELYN CAMERON, 2502 7th Avenue, Milwaukie, Oregon, and employee of the Roosevelt Hotel, upon interview stated that in her opinion there was nothing between the subject and victim. Miss CAMERON stated that she had known both the subject and victim for about three years and had had occasion to travel with the subject while he was engaged in church work in the State of Washington. Miss CAMERON advised that the victim was at one time employed by Carstiens Packing Company at Tacoma, Washington, and also worked at the 15th Street Automotive Service, Portland, Oregon. Miss CAMERON also stated that the victim

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refused to tell her where she was living in downtown Portland while she was employed as an elevator operator at the Roosevelt Hotel.

The address of 2804 S. W. 9th Avenue was found to be fictitious.

Mrs. E. L. JAMISON, Manager of the Patricia Court, 2182 N. W. Hoyt Street, advised, after seeing the photographs of subject and victim, that she could not identify either of them. Mrs. JAMISON stated that she had been manager of the Patricia Court since September, 1944, and further, that the phone number Broadway 5847 is the telephone listed in the name of Mrs. HELEN MATLOCK, who is a widow living in Apartment 10 of the Patricia Court.

Mrs. LEWIS ANKENY, Apartment 10, Patricia Court, upon interview advised that she is the sister-in-law of Mrs. MATLOCK and that she had only visited there for one day and hasn't lived in Portland for four years, and consequently, did not have an opportunity to meet either the subject or victim of this case.

Mrs. HELEN A. MATLOCK, apartment 10, 2182 N. W. Hoyt Street, advised upon interview that sometime during the months of April or May she met the victim while the victim was employed at the 15th Street Automotive Store located at 15th Avenue and Davis Street. Mrs. MATLOCK stated the victim was employed at this place as a window washer and it was her understanding that the victim had previously worked at the Washington or Carleton Hotels in Portland. Mrs. MATLOCK advised that the victim needed a place to live, and consequently, she allowed her to room at her apartment for about two weeks, at which time she left and went to live with the subject and his wife at Milwaukie, Oregon. Mrs. MATLOCK further stated that the subject brought his car to the 15th Automotive Service and the victim would show the subject's car to various employees at this establishment. Mrs. MATLOCK stated, however, that she had never seen the subject and victim together, but added that she was not at home all of the time that the victim was staying at her apartment. Mrs. MATLOCK stated that a Mrs. VALITON VICTORY, who was at that time employed by Dr. CHARLES GURNEY, Medical Arts Building, also roomed at her apartment and might possibly know some pertinent facts relative to this case. Mrs. MATLOCK stated that the victim made several telephone calls to the subject's home while she was living with her, and added that she had never seen the subject call for the victim at her house. Mrs. MATLOCK stated that the victim received mail in the name of [REDACTED] and that when she left she gave some post office box at Milwaukie, Oregon as a forwarding address.

The Bureau is being requested by letter for the subject's and victim's criminal records.

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ENCLOSURES:

TO THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE: 1 Photograph of subject.
1 Photograph of victim.

TO THE SEATTLE OFFICE: 2 Photographs of subject
2 Photographs of victim.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE DES MOINES FIELD DIVISION

AT DES MOINES, IOWA

Will contact victim's sister Mrs. ROBERT E. DARR, 4008 6th Avenue, relative to subject and victim's relationship.

Will also obtain from this sister the correct address of victim's mother Mrs. [REDACTED], so that she may be interviewed relative to the \$50.00 sent to her on June 10, 1943, by the subject for victim's bus fare from Des Moines, Iowa, to Portland, Oregon, and to subject's and victim's activities.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will check the office indices relative to a visit made by JEAN KELLY concerning her relationships with subject (KELLY stated in her letter to subject that she had visited the F.B.I. Office concerning her situation".

Will contact JEAN KELLY, 538 South Fremont, display photographs of subject and victim and thoroughly interview and obtain signed statement from her concerning subject's background and activities in view of establishing her as a victim in another case against the subject. It should be noted that she wrote subject a letter that he should contribute to the support of their child. The fact that this letter was intercepted should not be revealed to her as same might prove embarrassing to the Portland informant.

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

Will obtain from Local Draft Board 95, 50 Oak Street, the subject's Selective Service status and background information under Order No. 54.

THE PORTLAND FIELD DIVISION

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

Will consider again interviewing victim, who is presently residing in care of Mrs. FENES, Ballington Club, 138 S. E. 8th Avenue, concerning instant case.

Will follow and report city prosecution in this case.

Will present this case to the U. S. Attorney for his opinion as to prosecution.

PD - 31-1130

INFORMANTS

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-1:

R. W. CLARK, Manager of Mallory
Hotel, 15th and Yamhill Streets,
Portland, Oregon.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT t-2:

Bond Officer LEE RUDDER of the
Portland Police Department City
Jail.

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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
FD, Long Beach Calif.	Oliver Jerry Owen #9303	3-28-30	Investigation of Robbery	Released 3-28-30
FD, Portland Oreg.	Oliver Brindley Owen, #22115	2-17-45	Dis. Cond.	Hold for Fed. Auth.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	Additional aliases; Oliver B. Owen, Jerry Owen			
	The above individual is identical with OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, subject of your letter dated March 13, 1945.			
	RE: OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was, JACQUELINE JANICE ROATH, was, VICTIM. WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.			
CC: SAC, Portland				

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PORTLAND, OREGON**

FILE NO. **31-965**

REPORT MADE AT DES MOINES, IOWA	DATE WHEN MADE 3-29-45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-27-45	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM C. AILLES WCA:FS
TITLE OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was; [REDACTED], was, - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. ROBERT E. DARR, sister of Victim, Des Moines, Iowa, knows very little concerning Victim's association with Subject and advised Mrs. H. K. BOWDOINE, mother of Victim, Mercer County, Missouri can give more complete details concerning such association.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent William E. Gelder, dated March 16, 1945, at Portland, Oregon.

DETAILS: AT DES MOINES, IOWA

Mrs. ROBERT E. DARR, 4008 6th Avenue, sister of the Victim, advised upon interview, that she knew very little of the Subject and Victim's association because the Victim corresponded with her infrequently and such correspondence that was received from the Victim contained practically nothing concerning her activities.

According to Mrs. DARR's best recollection the Victim first became acquainted with the Subject in the instant case about seven years ago when the Subject was holding Evangelist meetings at Des Moines, Iowa. The Victim became interested in the teachings of the Subject at this time to such an extent that although she was only about twelve years of age she refused to go to picture shows and after the Subject left Des Moines, Iowa, she corresponded with him and his wife.

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The Subject came back to Des Moines accompanied by his wife and child in 1941. During this time the Victim associated to a considerable extent with the Subject and his wife and upon leaving Des Moines, Iowa, around July, 1941 the Subject persuaded the mother of the Victim to permit her, the Victim, to accompany them to take care of their child and sing at the various meetings he was conducting. Mrs. DARR stated that she heard very little from the Victim after her departure and the first real knowledge she had of what the Victim had been doing was when the Victim returned to DES MOINES, Iowa, shortly after Thanksgiving in 1943. She stated that at this time the Victim spent approximately three weeks visiting at her home and at her mother's home, in Mercer County, Missouri and that during such visit the Victim was very secretive receiving all her mail and other communications through General Delivery rather than having them come to her at her residence. At this time the Victim told her that she was writing to one JOE FOSTER and that this individual wanted her to marry him; that she intended to return to the west coast to do so.

Mrs. DARR, however, stated that it was her belief that there was no such individual as JOE FOSTER and the Victim invented such an individual to partially explain the numerous letters which she wrote. Shortly before Christmas, 1943 the Victim left Mrs. DARR's residence without stating where she was going and returned to the west coast. Her whereabouts were unknown to Mrs. DARR and her mother until her arrival on the west coast inasmuch as Mrs. DARR and her mother had opposed the Victim's returning and she left without telling them in order to prevent their taking any action to keep her from going.

About Christmas of 1944 Mrs. DARR advised the Victim wrote to her mother and stated that she had married JOE FOSTER in February, 1944 but that such marriage had been subsequently annulled. Mrs. DARR stated that she couldn't give any exact dates or very much information concerning this alleged marriage as such correspondence from the Victim was directed to her mother and she had only the general knowledge which she received through correspondence with her mother. Mrs. DARR also advised that she had recently received a letter from the Victim in which the Victim told her that she had been arrested together with the Subject because he had been found in her hotel room. However, she gave no details concerning such arrest and Mrs. DARR was unaware of the Victim's

[REDACTED]

Mrs. DARR stated that the Victim was of excellent character before she left Des Moines and such immoral activities as reflected in the reference report were acquired after her association with the Subject began. Mrs. DARR stated that her mother's mailing address was as follows:

Mrs. H. K. BOLDONE, Box 206,
Lineville, Iowa.

She advised her mother resides in Mercer County, Missouri, four miles north

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of Mercer, Missouri, on the highway connecting Mercer, Missouri and Lineville, Iowa, and that her mother could give complete details concerning the association of the Victim with the Subject in so far as was known through correspondence and conversation with the Victim and Subject, that occurred between the Subject and Victim and members of the Victim's family.

ENCLOSURE TO KANSAS CITY OFFICE

A copy of the report of Special Agent William E. Gelder, made March 16, 1945, at Portland, Oregon is being forwarded to the Kansas City office as an enclosure with this report for guidance in their interview with Mrs. BO DOINE.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Mercer, Missouri

Will Will interview Mrs. HL E. BORDOINE, residing four miles north of Mercer, Missouri, on the highway connecting Mercer, Missouri and Lineville, Iowa, and obtain from her all information pertaining to the Victim's association with the Subject.

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J. E. Hoover
Director.

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	Aliases: [REDACTED] The above individual is identical with subject of your letter dated March 12, 1946. RE: OLIVER BRIDLEY OWEN, was. [REDACTED], was, VICTIM WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.			

CC: SAC, Portland

SAC SAN FRANCISCO

4/8/45

11:35 AM

SAC DES MOINES

ROUTINE

OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, WAS, [REDACTED], WAS, VICTIM, WSTA, SS.
REFERENCE REPORT SA WILLIAM E. GELDER, DATED MARCH SIXTEEN LAST AT PORTLAND.
REVIEW OF SUBJECT'S SELECTIVE SERVICE FILE, LDB NINETY FIVE, SAN FRANCISCO,
REFLECTS THAT SUBJECT IN SS QUESTIONNAIRE DATED NOVEMBER TWENTY FORTY, STATED
HE WAS EMPLOYED BY REVEREND JOHN R. RICKEY, SUPERINTENDENT OPEN BIBLE STANDARD
CHURCHES, INC., FOUR ONE NAUGHT FRANKLIN STREET, DES MOINES, AS AN EVANGELIST.
USA SAN FRANCISCO, AFTER APPRAISAL OF FACTS, INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO PROSECUTE
SUBJECT ON SS VIOLATION IF ONE COULD BE ESTABLISHED, PROVIDING USA PORTLAND
DECLINED PROSECUTION ON WSTA VIOLATION. SUTEL EMPLOYMENT STATUS.

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ROUTINE

TENT. OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, WAS, [REDACTED], WAS VICTIM, WSTA, SS. REFER REPORT SA WILLIAM E. GELDER DATED MARCH SIXTEEN LAST AT PORTLAND. USA SAN FRANCISCO WILL PROSECUTE ON SS VIOLATION IF SUBJECTS CLAIM TO BE EMPLOYED AS EVANGELIST BY OPEN BIBLE INSTITUTE DETERMINED TO BE FALSE AND PROSECUTION ON WSTA NOT INSTITUTED AT PORTLAND. R. BRYANT MITCHELL, DEAN OF OPEN BIBLE INSTITUTE, DES MOINES, IOWA, ADVISES SUBJECT DID NOT ATTEND OR IS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH THAT ORGANIZATION. SUBJECT APPEARED AS AN EVANGELISTIC SPEAKER IN NUMEROUS OPEN BIBLE CHURCHES AGAINST WISHES OF INSTITUTE, UNDER AUSPICES OF JOHN R. RICHEY, FORMER FIELD SUPERINTENDENT OF OPEN BIBLE INSTITUTE WHO IS NOW RESIDING AT ONE ONE EIGHT FIVE NORTH MARENGO, PASADENA, CAMXX CAL. SUBJECT AT ONE TIME MINISTER IN ASSEMBLIES OF GOD BUT WAS DISCHARGED IN THIRTYNINE BECAUSE OF ADULTEROUS CONDUCT OCCURRING AT SAN FRANCISCO, AND HAS APPARENTLY NOT BEEN ORDAINED BY ANY ORGANIZED GROUP SINCE. KANSAS CITY AT PXX SPRINGFIELD, MO., AND SEATTLE AT SEATTLE, WASH. WILL CONTACT HEADQUARTERS OF ASSEMBLIES OF GOD ORGANIZATION AND OBTAIN FULL INFORMATION REGARDING ADULTEROUS CONDUCT OF SUBJECT WHICH RESULTED IN HIS BEING DISCHARGED AS MINISTER FOR PROOF OF CONTEMPLATED

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WSTA PROSECUTION AT PORTLAND. LOS ANGELES AT PASADENA WILL CONTACT
REV. JOHN R. RICHEY AND ASCERTAIN FULL FACTS AND DATES OF ALLEGED
EVANGELISTIC EMPLOYMENT FOR CONTEMPLATED SS PROSECUTION AT
SAN FRANCISCO. RUC.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PORTLAND**

FILE NO. **31-5727**

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 4/9/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/29,31/45	REPORT MADE BY JOHN J. BRYANT RLY
TITLE OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, Was.; [REDACTED], Was, VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: **JEAN KELLY** resided with subject 2 years, travelling with him throughout the U.S. as his wife. Resulting from this relationship a child was born to **JEAN KELLY** on 10/14/42. Subject and **KELLY** never married and subject has never supported child.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent **WILLIAM E. GELDER** dated March 16, 1945 at Portland, Oregon.

DETAILS: The indices of the Los Angeles Field Division reflect that on February 21, 1945, **GENEVA KELLY**, 538 South Fremont Street, Los Angeles, California, personally appeared at this Office and at that time she advised she had recently seen in the newspaper information concerning one **JERRY OWEN**, who was in custody at Portland, Oregon, for immoral acts. She stated that she had lived with **OWEN**, who was an evangelist, and had travelled with him throughout the United States. She stated that she travelled as his wife, although they were never married, and on October 14, 1942, a child was born to them. The subject admitted paternity of the child although he had never assisted in the support of this child. She advised that she went with him voluntarily and that no commercial prostitution was practiced by her.

Upon receipt of this information it was recommended by the Agent handling the matter that no action be taken.

Miss GENEVA KELLY was interviewed at her residence at 538 South Fremont, Apartment 305. At that time she advised that she had known the subject for a period of two years, first meeting him in the fall of 1940 in Seattle, Washington. She stated at that time he was conducting evangelist meetings in Seattle, and he called his church the "Little Church of the Wildwood."

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She advised that she was married at that time to one LEE WHEELER but had been separated from him for several months. She stated that no child resulted from her marriage to WHEELER. She further stated that she was employed as a chorus girl in one of the theaters in Seattle. She had several dates with the subject, after this meeting, and by mutual agreement it was decided that she would travel with him from Seattle, Washington, to various eastern cities where he was to conduct his evangelist meetings.

She said that she was not certain as to all of the states covered but in the ensuing two years they visited Des Moines, Iowa on two occasions; Denver, Colorado; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Chicago, Illinois; Detroit, Michigan, and various west coast cities. She advised that during these travels she was not employed and that the subject supported her and provided all of her expenses. She stated that she received various gifts from him and that when they arrived at new cities where he was conducting a meeting they registered separately in the hotel, although he generally stayed with her while there.

She stated that for appearance sake she was seldom publically seen with the subject and she never participated in any of his meetings. She advised that they were together almost continuously from December, 1940 to the time the baby was born in October, 1942. She stated that during this time she did not have intercourse with any other man other than the subject, and that subject readily admitted paternity of the child.

She advised that the time she became pregnant she was in Detroit, Michigan, and subject was in Seattle, Washington. She stated that subject, on this occasion, expected to return to Detroit to pick her up, then when she was aware of her physical condition she wired him. He forwarded her money so that she could return to Seattle. She advised that when she arrived in Seattle she remained with him for several days. He provided money for her to come to Los Angeles, which was then her home, so she could have the baby.

She advised that from approximately the first month she associated with the subject he had assured her that he would obtain a divorce for her from WHEELER and that they would be married. She said that she never questioned the subject's integrity in this matter until after his disappearance following the birth of the child. She said that subject never suggested to her that she have an abortion; that she would have never consented to [REDACTED] as it was contrary to her faith, she being Catholic.

She advised that the baby was born October 14, 1942 at the California Hospital in Los Angeles. She stated subject furnished all the money for expenses and that he provided the best of care for her in Los Angeles. Eleven days after the child was born the subject visited her at her home, saw the child and at that time stated the child did not look like him, although he admitted then that there was no question as to the fact that it was his child. She said that he told her he would return the next day; that they would make

arrangements then to be married and he would assume full responsibility for the child and her.

She advised, however, that the subject did not appear again and she had made every effort to locate him with success until the recent date when she saw the newspaper clipping in a local paper. She said that she immediately came to this Office and it was suggested to her by an Agent that she endeavor to contact the subject at the city jail in Portland, Oregon. She advised that the letter was not returned to her and that she received no reply from the subject. She admitted the relationship with the subject in the following signed statement; which statement is being forwarded to the Portland Field Division as an enclosure with this report:

Los Angeles, California
March 31, 1945

"I, Geneva R. Kelly, also known as Jean Kelly, make the following voluntary statement to William M. Hawkins and John J. Bryant who I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I make this statement of my own free will and no force, threats or inducements have been made to me. I have been advised that this statement may be used in court.

"I was born in Muskogee, Okla., December 1, 1916. I have resided in Seattle, Wash. and Los Angeles, Cal. I was working in Seattle, Washington in October, 1940 and was introduced to Jerry Owens who is also known as "Curley" Owens. Owens was conducting an evangelist meeting in Seattle at that time. His church was known as the "Little Church of the Wildwood". Owens was conducting meetings in various cities in the United States.

"After having been introduced to him I had several dates with him. He told me that he was going East and asked if I would care to go. I said yes and he bought tickets on the train to Des Moines, Iowa. We left Seattle in November, 1940. I was married to Lee Wheeler at the time but we had been separated for several months. Owens paid all of our expenses and we traveled as man and wife. We stayed in Des Moines several months and returned to Denver, Colo. We were in Denver about six weeks. From Denver we came to Los Angeles. From Des Moines we traveled in an auto which he purchased in Des Moines. From that time on Owens supported me and provided for all of my expenses for a period of approximately two years.

"He proposed that I obtain a divorce from Wheeler and that we would be married. During this period that I lived with him we made 3 trips back East. I do not remember all of the cities we visited or the times when the trips occurred. However, I was with him when we

traveled from the West Coast to Des Moines, Minneapolis, Denver, Chicago, Detroit, El Paso, Bartlesville, Okla., Twin Fall, Idaho, Olympia, Wash., Tacoma, Wash., Portland, San Francisco, and Los Angeles, and Juarez, Mexico. While I was in Detroit I became pregnant which was around January, 1942. He had taken me to Detroit and while he was there he had to return to San Francisco. He expected to return to Detroit and get me. I wrote him of my condition and he wired money for me to return. I went to Portland where he was and he gave me train fare and money to travel to Los Angeles where I was to have the baby.

"During the period that I lived with Owens I did not have intercourse with anyone other than Owens. He accepted the paternity of the baby, and he said that he would sell his church in Oakland, obtain a divorce for me, and we would be married before the child was born. He provided all of my expenses which included doctor bills, hospitalization, and etc. The child was born October 14, 1942 at the California Hospital in Los Angeles, Cal., and I named him [REDACTED]

"He came down from Portland in October 1942, 11 days after the baby was born. He saw the baby and he told me that he would see me the following day and we would make all of the necessary arrangements. This was the last that I ever saw of him. I attempted to locate him without success, until I read in the newspaper about his difficulty in Portland on a morals charge. I wrote him then but did not receive a reply. He has never attempted to support the child after his birth. During the time I lived with Owens I understood that he was not married. I believed that he and I were to be married.

"I have a number of telegrams which Owens sent me which will confirm some of the statements made herein. I have received a photograph bearing the following inscription, "Portland, 22115, 2/17/45" and can positively identify it as being a photograph of Jerry Owens.

"I have read the foregoing statement consisting of 6 pages and it is true to the best of my knowledge.

S/ "Jean Kelly

Witnesses:

"W. M. Hawkins, FBI, Los Angeles
John J. Bryant, FBI, Los Angeles"

Miss KELLY stated that she desired only to have her child supported and that she did not expect or want any money for herself. She said that during her relationship with the subject he was very good to her and furnished her with whatever she desired, and that all the sexual relations

between them was normal and at no time did he resort to perversion.

She advised also that she knew very little about the subject's personal affairs other than that she described the church to which he belonged as a "racket", and that he, on numerous occasions, expressed this same feeling. She said that when they talked of marriage he said that as soon as possible he would sell his church and that he would discontinue his evangelist activities. She said that he had considerable money during the time that she knew him and that the church which he owned was a very profitable proposition.

She stated further that the subject's closest friend was an individual who described himself as Brother RITCHIE, who had a church in Des Moines, Iowa. She said that his attorney was GEORGE DAVIS, a personal friend of the subject, residing in San Francisco, California. She stated that DAVIS had more information concerning the subject than anyone else and was probably defending him in the present matter.

She identified a photograph of OWEN forwarded to the Los Angeles Field Division from Portland, Oregon, bearing Portland No. 22115. She advised that she was unable to identify the photograph of [REDACTED] and she had never heard the subject speak of her. She stated also that to her knowledge the subject was not married, although she did hear him speak of one BEVERLY on numerous occasions. She stated that to her knowledge BEVERLY was just a friend and that she did not know her last name. She said, however, that she had never met BEVERLY.

ENCLOSURE: TO THE PORTLAND FIELD DIVISION:
Signed statement of GENEVA KELLY.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

Will contact GEORGE DAVIS, Attorney at law, interview him in regard to the subject's activities and various girls with whom the subject has been associated.

THE DES MOINES FIELD DIVISION

AT DES MOINES, IOWA:

Copy Will locate and interview Brother RITCHE who conducts an evangelist church in that city and endeavor to obtain from him background information concerning the subject and also attempt to obtain names of other girls with whom the subject has been associated.

FBI KANSAS CITY 4-16-45 12- PM

SAC SAN FRANCISCO URGENT

KEEN. OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN WAS, [REDACTED] WAS
VICTIM, WSTA SS. REV. J. ROSWELL FLOWER, SECRETARY, GENERAL
COUNCIL ASSEMBLY OF GOD, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, STATES OWEN
WAS LICENSED TO PREACH BY NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT OF SECT
FOR SHORT TIME ABOUT THIRTYSEVEN TO THIRTYEIGHT. OWEN EXPELLED
BY PRESBYTERY OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT SPRING OF THIRTYEIGHT
AFTER THREE GIRLS FURNISHED AFFIDAVITS CHARGING OWEN WITH HAVING
SEXUAL INTERCOURSE WITH THEM DURING TIME HE WAS HOLDING
EVANGELISTIC MEETING AT GLAD TIDINGS TABERNACLE, SAN FRANCISCO,
CALIFORNIA IN THIRTYSEVEN. OWEN DID NOT APPEAR FOR TRIAL BY
PRESBYTERY. OWEN ARRESTED SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA MAY THIRTYNINE
FOR GRAND THEFT CONCERNING EMBEZZLEMENT TWENTYSEVEN HUNDRED
DOLLARS FROM MRS. ANNA SIREN JOHANSEN. DETAILS CONCERNING ABOVE
NOT OBTAINABLE HERE BUT FULL DETAILS AND ORIGINAL AFFIDAVITS
CONCERNING ADULTERY OBTAINABLE FROM R. J. THURMOND, SECRETARY,
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES OF GOD, FIVE FIVE THREE
EL DORADO AVENUE, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA. RUC.

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April 18, 1945

SAC, DES MOINES

OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was;
[REDACTED] was - VICTIM
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent JOHN J. BRYANT, dated April 9, 1945, at Los Angeles, California, setting forth a lead to locate and interview Brother RITCHE, associate of the subject, who was supposed to be residing at Des Moines, Iowa.

JOHN R. RITCHE, the brother Ritche referred to in referenced report, presently resides at 1185 North Marengo, Pasadena, California, and the requested interview should be conducted by the Los Angeles Field Division.

This matter is being considered Referred Upon Completion to the Office of Origin.

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REPORT MADE AT KANSAS CITY, MO.	DATE WHEN MADE 4/24/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/16/45	REPORT MADE BY J. LUTHER GLASS hmg
TITLE OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was; [REDACTED], was, VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Rev. FLOWER, Springfield, Mo., states OWEN licensed to preach Northern California District Assembly of God from 1937 to 1938. OWEN expelled from ministry spring of 1938 after reported illicit relations with 3 girls at San Francisco, Calif. FLOWER also states OWEN was arrested at San Francisco May of 1939 for embezzlement of \$2700. R. J. THURMOND, Oakland, Calif., reported to have full details concerning subject's adulterous conduct. Mrs. H. K. BOWDOINE, mother of victim, interviewed; has hostile and uncooperative attitude. No information of value obtained.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent William C. Ailles dated 3/29/45 at Des Moines, Iowa.
Report of Special Agent William E. Gelder dated 3/16/45 at Portland, Oregon.

Teletype from Des Moines to Kansas City, Los Angeles, Portland, San Francisco and Seattle dated 4/10/45.
Teletype from Kansas City to San Francisco dated 4/16/45.

DETAILS: At Springfield, Missouri:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent RONALD E. SHERK on April 16, 1945:

Rev. J. ROSWELL FLOWER, Secretary, General Counsel, Assembly of God, Springfield, Missouri, upon being interviewed stated that subject OWEN was licensed to preach by the Northern California District of that religious sect for a short time about 1937 - 1938. He stated that OWEN

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was expelled from the Presbytery of the Northern California District during the spring of 1938 after three girls had furnished affidavits charging OWEN with having sexual intercourse with them during the time he was holding Evangelistic meetings at the Glad Tidings Tabernacle, San Francisco, California, in 1937. Rev. FLOWER also stated that OWEN did not appear for his trial by the Presbytery.

Rev. FLOWER further advised that OWEN was arrested at San Francisco, California, during May of 1939 charged with grand theft concerning the embezzlement of \$2700 from a person by the name of Mrs. ANNA SIREN JOHANSEN. Rev. FLOWER stated he did not have the details concerning the above but full details and the original affidavits of the three girls concerning the adulterous conduct of subject can be obtained from R. J. THURMOND, Secretary, Northern California District, Assemblies of God, 553 Eldorado Avenue, Oakland, California.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer at Mercer, Missouri:

The writer on April 16, 1945, attempted to interview Mrs. H. K. [REDACTED], mother of victim, who resides on the main highway three miles north of Mercer, [REDACTED], on the road to Lineville, Iowa, and whose post office is Lineville, Iowa.

Mrs. BOWDOINE exhibited a hostile and completely uncooperative attitude toward the writer inasmuch as she would not permit the writer to come into her home for an interview but talked to him briefly through a half open door, stating that she did not believe a word of the report about her daughter and the subject of this case, stating that she had known subject for six or seven years; that he was a minister, could not be guilty of any such thing and that her daughter had told her over long distance telephone that there was no truth in it and that she believed her daughter. She denied receiving a letter from the subject enclosing a check for \$50 for victim's transportation to the state of Oregon. She admitted receiving long distance telephone calls from both subject and victim but stated there was no truth about the story of her daughter and the subject and would give no further information.

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At Oakland, California:

Will interview R. J. THURMOND, Secretary, Northern California District, Assemblies of God, who lives at 553 Eldorado Avenue for any information he may have concerning the adulterous conduct of subject during 1937 to three girls who are supposed to have filed affidavits setting forth this information.

At San Francisco, California:

Will report the criminal record of subject, if any, bearing in mind that he may have been convicted in San Francisco during 1939 for embezzlement of \$2700 from Mrs. ANNA SIREN JOHANSEN.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PORTLAND**

FILE NO. **31-5727**

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 5/8/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/12, 14, 24; 5/2/45	REPORT MADE BY JOHN JOSEPH BRYANT cvb
TITLE OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, with aliases; [REDACTED], with alias, VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT SELECTIVE SERVICE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject conducted Evangelistic meetings under auspices of JOHN RITCHIE in 1940 and 1941. Subject was not an employee of RITCHIE or Church of the Open Bible.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. GELDER, Portland, dated March 16, 1945.
Report of Special Agent JOHN J. BRYANT, Los Angeles, dated April 9, 1945.
Des Moines teletype dated April 10, 1945.
Des Moines letter dated April 18, 1945.

DETAILS:

Mr. JOHN R. RITCHIE advised that he organized and promoted the Church of the Open Bible. He has been an Evangelist for a period of approximately twenty-five years. He stated until recently he acted as field director for the Church of the Open Bible. He stated that in the summer of 1940 he met the Subject at Mirror Lake, Washington, at a summer camp where various Evangelists assembled for meetings. He stated at that time he was associated with the Church of the Open Bible and that OWEN was looking for various places to conduct meetings. RITCHIE stated that he had a number of contacts in this particular type of work and that he arranged for the Subject to conduct meetings in Seattle, Washington; Tacoma, Washington; Denver, Colorado, and Des Moines, Iowa. He advised, however, that the Subject was not an employee of his nor was he an employee of the Church of the Open Bible. He stated that at the time he arranged for the Subject to conduct meetings, he had been advised that the Subject had lost his standing as an Evangelist because of immoral conduct. He stated that Subject had formerly been associated with the

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Assemblies of God and it was his understanding that he had been ordained by this organization. Mr. RITCHIE said that he had never learned the details of the difficulty that the Subject had been in, but it was his understanding that he had been "framed". Mr. RITCHIE stated that from Mirror Lake in the summer of 1940 he arranged for the Subject to conduct meetings in Seattle for a period of approximately three weeks; from Seattle he went to Tacoma where he conducted meetings for a period of approximately two weeks; from Tacoma to Denver for two weeks; from Denver to Des Moines for one week. He advised that he did not again see Subject until the summer of 1941 when he again went to Mirror Lake in Washington, where he conducted meetings that summer. As well as Mr. RITCHIE could recall, the Subject again went to Des Moines, Iowa, where he conducted meetings for several weeks. He stated that during the period he knew Subject, he had never associated with him socially and all of his contacts pertained to business. He stated, however, that Subject was accompanied by his wife whom he had met on several occasions and he believed that Subject had a small child who also accompanied them on various trips.

Mr. RITCHIE stated that for additional information concerning the Subject and his activities during the pertinent period, it would be advisable to contact the Glad Tidings Tabernacle Church of the Assembly of God at San Francisco, California. He stated he had not seen Subject nor had he heard from him for approximately four years and he was unable to state whether or not the Subject was ordained by any Evangelistic organization during the period that he conducted meetings under his auspices.

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THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION:

At San Francisco, will contact the Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Church of the Assembly of God, to determine whether or not the Subject was ordained as a minister during the summer of 1940 or 1941.

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REPORT MADE AT Seattle, Washington	DATE WHEN MADE 5-10-45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-11, 12, 23-45	REPORT MADE BY SAMUEL B. MURPHY	GJL
TITLE OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, with aliases; [REDACTED], with aliases, VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT SELECTIVE SERVICE	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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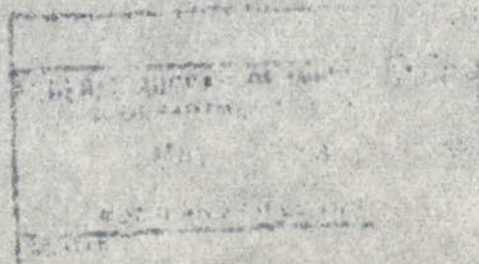
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Portland
May 12, 1945

MEMO, SAC

Re: JERRY OWENS
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

At 9:15 P.M. on this date Mr. and Mrs. HECTOR W. MACAFFREE, King Albert Apartments, S.W. 11th and Montgomery, no telephone, called in person at the office and advised that they were the ones who had turned in the original complaint against JERRY OWENS.

They asked to talk to the Agent whom they had originally talked to when making the complaint, and said that they had been assured at that time that no action would be taken against one WENDELL WALLER, 1089 Westwood Drive, AT 4721, as he was not involved in the matter. They said that FBI Agents had talked to WALLER this afternoon, questioning him considerably, and that he was pretty much upset. They had called at the office to ask that no action be taken against WALLER, saying that he would willingly testify at the subject's trial. Mrs. MACAFFREE said that she was formerly married to WALLER and that she and her present husband are still quite friendly with WALLER. When asked how they knew Agents had talked to WALLER this afternoon, they said that WALLER had so told them over the telephone.

Both Mr. and Mrs. MACAFFREE were quite intoxicated, and it was impossible to find out just how or why they thought WALLER was or was not involved.

CARROLL JOHNSON
Special Agent

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TITLE CHANGED OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, with aliases, Oliver Jerry Owen, Rev. Jerry Owen, Harry Roberts, [REDACTED] with aliases, [REDACTED]			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: with alias, [REDACTED] - VICTIMS			
Synopsis of Facts:		Subject's and Heath's trial for disorderly conduct will probably be set during last part of May, 1945. HEATH reinterviewed but still uncooperative. Subject advised he was married at Los Angeles, California, September 30, 1937. FBI Identification Division has no previous criminal record regarding Subject or [REDACTED]. - P -	
Reference:		Report of Special Agent SAMUEL B. MURPHY, Seattle, Washington, May 10, 1945. Report of Special Agent JOHN JOSEPH BRYANT, Los Angeles, California, May 8, 1945. Report of Special Agent J. LUTHER GLASS, Kansas City, Missouri, April 24, 1945. Letter from SAC Los Angeles to SAC Des Moines, (carbon copy to Portland) April 18, 1945. Teletype from SAC Kansas City to SAC San Francisco (carbon copy to Portland) April 16, 1945. Report of Special Agent JOHN J. BRYANT, Los Angeles, California, April 9, 1945. Teletype from SAC Des Moines to SACs Kansas City, Los Angeles, Portland, San Francisco, and Seattle April 10, 1945. Teletype from SAC San Francisco to SAC Des Moines (carbon copy to Portland) April 6, 1945. Report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. GELDER, Portland, Oregon, March 16, 1945.	
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Details: The title of this case is marked changed to reflect the additional aliases of the subject as being OLIVER JERRY OWEN and to add the name and alias of another victim, [REDACTED], with alias, [REDACTED].

At PORTLAND, OREGON

A review of Criminal Docket Numbers 25332 and 25333 at the County Clerk's Office at the Multnomah County Court House reflected that the subject and Victim ROATH were both convicted of disorderly conduct and sentenced to thirty days in jail and fined \$50. on February 17, 1945, and that both of them were presently at liberty on a \$250. bond each and that the appeal was allowed and further proceedings were stayed.

The following persons were contacted in an effort to locate Victim [REDACTED].

FRED MEYER Drug Warehouse, 1709 S. E. Third Avenue;
WILLIAM DICKSON, Yeon Building;
Mrs. WHITE, 138 S. E. 8th Avenue, (Ballington Club)

HAZEL WARD, Assistant Manager, Bellvue Hotel, 218 S. W. Yamhill, after viewing photographs of Subject and Victim [REDACTED], advised that Victim [REDACTED] lived at the hotel for about two weeks while she was employed at the Roosevelt Hotel in Portland, Oregon. WARD advised that during this time Victim [REDACTED] did not use the name of [REDACTED] and further that the subject and victim were not seen together. Mrs. WARD advised she had no knowledge of any immoral relations between the two.

CHARLES A. LAYMAN, Docket Clerk, Multnomah County Court House, advised that the City's case against the subject and Victim [REDACTED] on appeal had not yet been set relative to the disorderly conduct charge upon which they had previously been convicted.

EDGAR MARTIN, City Attorney, City Hall, advised upon interview that he was handling the appeal of the City's case against the subject and Victim [REDACTED] on the disorderly conduct charge and added that the date for the trial of the case had not yet been set but would probably be set sometime during the latter part of May, 1945.

WILLIAM DICKSON, Room 717 Yeon Building, advised that he did not know where Victim [REDACTED] is working at the present time but stated that the last address he had relative to her was 1604 S. E. Thirty-Third Avenue.

Mrs. ETHEL NOTTER, 1604 S. E. Thirty-Third Avenue, advised upon interview that Victim [REDACTED] has stayed at her house under the name of [REDACTED] for approximately a month and after viewing a photograph of the subject stated that she had not seen the two of them together nor did she know of anything that would indicate that they were engaged in immoral relations. Mrs. NOTTER advised, however, that the victim is associating with other men who call at the house.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JAMES A. HUNT and the writer.

Victim [REDACTED], 1604 S. E. Thirty-Third Avenue, advised upon re-interview that she is presently employed as a chamber-maid at the Byron Hotel in Portland. [REDACTED] also denied that she and Subject had engaged in any immoral relations or that Subject had either sent her mother or given her mother any money for her transportation from [REDACTED], to Portland, Oregon, or that Subject had furnished her with any money to proceed from Seattle, Washington, to Portland, Oregon, for the purpose of [REDACTED]. Victim [REDACTED] again admitted, however, that she had [REDACTED] through the services of Mr. [REDACTED] in Portland but denied that the subject had furnished her with any money [REDACTED]. Victim [REDACTED] also stated that she had been married to a man by the name of JOE POSTER and that the marriage had been annulled. However, she refused to state the date or place of either the marriage or the annulment. Victim [REDACTED] also related that JOE POSTER was in the room at the Mallory Hotel at the time that she and Subject were arrested and that he was hiding under the bed when the police came into the room. Victim [REDACTED] stated that at the present time JOE POSTER is in California and she has no way of locating him. Victim [REDACTED] advised in this respect that she did not know where JOE POSTER lived when he was staying in Portland, Oregon, nor did she know anyone who would know the name so that he might verify her statements in this regard. Victim [REDACTED] further related that the subject had not promised to marry her but that it was her understanding that the subject's wife, BEVERLY, was in love with a serviceman and was going to divorce the subject and marry the serviceman after he was released from duty in the armed forces.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer.

Assistant United States Attorneys MASON BILLARD and VICTOR E. HARR after hearing the facts in this case advised that if the additional investigation in Seattle and Tacoma, Washington, tended to verify the facts as related to Mr. and Mrs. WENDELL WALLER, they would again consider prosecution in this case.

AT MILWAUKIE, OREGON

OREN, 2016 Harrison Street, when interviewed advised he was married to his present wife, BEVERLY, on September 30, 1937, at Los Angeles, California.

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

Mr. and Mrs. WENDELL WALLER, 1039 S. E. Westwood Drive, advised upon contact that they would cooperate with this office to the extent of testifying before the Federal Grand Jury in this matter, but added that they, of course, did not want any publicity relative to this case. Mr. and Mrs. WALLER were advised by the writer that the United States Attorney had requested that their willingness to appear before the Grand Jury be determined and that the writer could not guarantee that they would not receive any

publicity if this case came to trial.

A review of the file in this case reflects that the subject under FBI Number 4261906 was fingerprinted by the Police Department at Long Beach, California, on March 28, 1930, and charged with investigation and robbery and was released on the same date. The Identification Division of the Bureau reflects that the only criminal record relative to Victim [REDACTED] under FBI Number 4281820 is that the victim under the name of [REDACTED] was sentenced to serve thirty days and fined \$50. on a disorderly conduct charge by the Portland Police Department on February 17, 1943.

A further review of the file reflects a copy of a teletype from the San Francisco Field Division dated April 6, 1945, that sets out in substance that a review of the subject's Selective Service File at Local Draft Board No. 95 in San Francisco reflects that Subject in Selective Service Questionnaire dated November 20, 1940, stated he was employed by Reverend JOHN R. RICKY, Superintendent of the Open Bible Standard Churches, Incorporated, 410 Franklin Street, Des Moines, Iowa, as an Evangelist. This teletype also sets out that the United States Attorney at San Francisco, California, after hearing the facts in this case, indicated that he was willing to prosecute the subject on a Selective Service violation if one could be established, providing the United States Attorney at Portland declined prosecution in a White Slave Traffic Act violation.

A further review of the file reflects a conference teletype from Des Moines, Iowa, to the Kansas City, Los Angeles, Portland, San Francisco, and Seattle Field Divisions which sets out in substance that R. BRYANT MITCHELL, Dean of Open Bible Institute, advised that the subject did not attend nor is he associated with that organization and adds that the subject appeared as an Evangelistic speaker in numerous Open Bible Churches against the wishes of the Institution but under the auspices of JOHN R. RICKY, former Field Superintendent of the Open Bible Institute who is presently residing at 1185 North Marango, Pasadena, California. The teletype further sets out that the subject was at one time a minister in the Assemblies of God but was discharged in 1939 because of adulterous conduct occurring at San Francisco and has apparently not been ordained by any organized group since that time. This teletype requests that the Kansas City Field Division at Springfield, Missouri, and the Seattle Field Division at Seattle, Washington, should contact the headquarters of the Assemblies of God Organization and obtain full information regarding the adulterous conduct of the subject which resulted in his being discharged as a minister. This teletype also requested the Los Angeles Field Division at Pasadena, California, to contact Reverend JOHN R. RICKY and ascertain the full facts and dates of alleged Evangelistic employment so that the United States Attorney at San Francisco will be advised relative to a Selective Service violation on the part of the subject.

A further review of the file reflects that on April 15, 1945, the Kansas City Field Division teletyped the San Francisco Field Division to the effect that Reverend J. ROSEWELL FLOWER, Secretary, General Council of the Assemblies of God Churches, Springfield, Missouri, stated that OSM was licensed to preach by the Northern California District of that sect for a short time in 1937 and 1938 and that he was expelled by the Presbytery of the Northern California District in the Spring of 1938 after three girls furnished affidavits

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charging OWEN with having sexual intercourse with them during the time he was holding Evangelistic meetings in the Old Tidings Tabernacle at San Francisco, California, in 1937. This teletype further goes on to state that OWEN did not appear for trial by the Presbytery but added that the subject was arrested in San Francisco, California in May, 1939, for grand theft concerning embezzlement of \$2,700. from Mrs. ANNA BIRCH JOHANNSEN and that the details could be obtained from A. J. THURMOND, Secretary, Northern California District, California Assemblies of God, 553 Eldorado Avenue, Oakland, California.

The Portland Field Division is in receipt of a copy of a letter from the Des Moines Field Division to the Los Angeles Field Division dated April 18, 1945, which sets out in substance that JOHN A. RICHIE, the associate of the subject, is presently residing at 1185 North Marango, Pasadena, California, and requests that he be interviewed relative to the subject's official connection with him.

ENCLOSURE: TO THE SEATTLE FIELD DIVISION:

One photograph of subject.

One photograph of Victim [REDACTED]

- PENDING -

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will verify that the subject was married to his present wife, BEVERLY, on September 30, 1937.

Will reinterview and obtain signed statement from [REDACTED], 538 South Fremont, paying particular attention to the dates and places of her immoral relations with subject on which the statute of limitations has not yet run. Will also secure any substantiating evidence of such acts she may have and advise if birth records revealed that subject is the father of her child.

Will obtain and set out [REDACTED]'s physical description.

THE SEATTLE FIELD DIVISION

At SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Will display photographs of subject and victim to Porter RAY MILLER and other employees of the New Washington Hotel in an effort to establish that the subject and victim engaged in immoral relations while at this hotel and then will secure any other information that would indicate that the subject was supporting victim [REDACTED].

Will display photograph of subject and interview a number of informants in houses of prostitution and determine if there is any truth in the statement that he had six or seven prostitutes, one of which was Japanese, working for him in that city.

At KENNES, WASHINGTON

Will display photographs of subject and victim to management and employees of the Columbia Hotel and obtain what information is known at this place concerning the subject's and victim's activities.

(It is noted that at one time the subject was employed at this hotel.)

At TACOMA, WASHINGTON

Will display subject's and victim's photograph and interview Mrs. MARRIMAN (phonetic) who lives on Broadway, one block above the Buick garage, Telephone Number 1467, relative to their activities.

Will also interview Mrs. NYDELL, who lives with Mrs. MARRIMAN, relative to subject's and victim's activities.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS, Continued

At TACOMA, WASHINGTON, continued

Will conduct investigation relative to subject and victim at 610 Broadway, where the victim was known as Mrs. JOE FOSTER. (This address may be that of Mrs. MARRINAN.)

Will at the WINTHROP HOTEL contact and interview and display photographs of subject and victim to employees in an attempt to establish immoral relations. (It is noted that subject and victim were supposed to have occupied a room in this hotel on February 2, 1945.)

Will display photographs of subject and victim to management and employees of the CARRIERS' (Phonetic) PACKING COMPANY in an effort to determine when victim was employed there and if she had any dealings with subject in that place.

Will also obtain background information relative to the victim from this company and conduct appropriate neighborhood investigation relative to the subject's and victim's activities.

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

At SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Will contact GEORGE DAVIS, Attorney-at-Law, and interview him in regard to the subject's activities and various girls with whom the subject has been associated.

Will report the criminal record of subject, if any, bearing in mind that he may have been convicted in San Francisco during 1939 for the embezzlement of \$2,700 from Mrs. ANNA SIERE JOHANSEN.

Will contact the Glad Tidings Tabernacle Church of the Assemblies of God to determine whether or not the subject was ordained as a minister during the summer of 1940 or 1941.

Will at the Northern California Headquarters of the Glad Tidings Bible Institute, 1441 Ellis Street, see one of the following:

Reverend THURMOND
Reverend GORTNER
Reverend L. R. KERY

for the complete file relative to the subject in the possession of this church.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS, Continued

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION, Continued

At OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

*Will interview R. J. THORNDEN, Secretary, Northern California District, Assemblies of God, who lives at 553 Eldorado Avenue, for any information he may have concerning the adulterous conduct of subject during 1937 with three girls who are supposed to have filed affidavits setting forth this information.

THE PORTLAND FIELD DIVISION

At PORTLAND, OREGON

Will follow and report result of appeal of City prosecution of subject and victim MCATH on disorderly conduct charge.

Will again contact the United States Attorney's Office relative to prosecution of this case.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PORTLAND, OREGON**

FILE NO. **31-3611**

REPORT MADE AT SAN FRANCISCO	DATE WHEN MADE 5/23/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/2,3,21,25,27, 28/45	REPORT MADE BY FURMAN G. BOGGAN gb
TITLE OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was., [REDACTED], was., Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

A review of subject's Selective Service file maintained by Local Board 95, San Francisco, reflects that subject was classified 4-D 1/12/43 and classified 1-A 2/19/45. Draft Board file reflects that notices had been sent to subject through error on part of Board to 1624 Harrison Street, Milwaukie, Oregon, when correct address was 1625 Harrison Street, Milwaukie, Oregon. Assistant United States Attorney, San Francisco, after appraisal of facts relating to subject's Selective Service file, indicated willingness to prosecute subject on Selective Service violation.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. GELDER dated 3/16/45 at Portland, Oregon.
Teletype from San Francisco to Des Moines dated 4/6/45.
Teletype from Des Moines to Los Angeles, Portland, San Francisco, and Seattle dated 4/10/45.
Report of Special Agent JOHN J. BRYANT dated 4/9/45, at Los Angeles, California.
Teletype from Kansas City to San Francisco dated 4/16/45.
Report of Special Agent J. LUTHER GLASS dated 4/24/45 at Kansas City, Missouri.

DETAILS:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

A review of the subject's Selective Service file main-

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tained by Local Board 95, 50 Oak Street, revealed the following information:

His Selective Service questionnaire executed November 20, 1940, shows the subject gave his full name as OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN and address as 916 Laguna Street, San Francisco. The subject stated that he had attended the University of Southern California, taking Physical Education for a period of three months. Under the heading of "Occupation," the subject stated that he was an Evangelist preaching throughout the United States and had been employed in this manner for a period of approximately three years. He stated that he was employed by the Open Bible Standard Churches, Inc., 410 Franklin Street, Des Moines, and that his weekly earnings amounted to approximately \$75. Under this heading, subject stated that he had founded the Gospel Center Churches in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Oakland, California.

Under the section entitled, "Dependency," the subject stated in his questionnaire that he was married in Los Angeles on September 30, 1936, and presently resides with his wife. He stated he supports his mother, Mrs. B. F. OWENS, 1166 Hopkins Avenue, Oakland, beginning this support in June, 1938. In his questionnaire, the subject stated he is a minister of the Pentecostal denomination, having been ordained by the elders of the San Francisco Gospel Center on March 27, 1937. This questionnaire also reflected that subject was born in Ashland, Ohio, on April 16, 1913.

A further review of the subject's Selective Service file reflected that on December 10, 1942, he was ordered by Local Board 95, San Francisco, to take a physical examination through Local Board 2, Estacada, Oregon. This notice was mailed to 1624 Harrison Street, Milwaukie, Oregon, and returned unclaimed.

There also appears in the subject's file a letter addressed to Local Board 95 from Local Draft Board 2, Estacada, Oregon, dated January 14, 1943, reflecting that an order to report for physical examination had been mailed to the subject at 1624 Harrison Street, Milwaukie, Oregon. This letter requested that Local Board 95 furnish another address for the subject.

Subject's file also contained a copy of a letter dated January 11, 1945, addressed to the subject at 1624 Harrison Street, Milwaukie, Oregon, stating the Board desired to have a certificate of ordination from him or certified statements from three individuals who had witnessed his ordination.

A letter dated January 26, 1945, was received by Local Draft Board 95 from W. H. OFFILER, pastor of the Bethel Temple, Second Avenue and Lenora Street, Seattle, Washington, reflecting that subject is an ordained minister. However, this letter offered no substantiating facts.

The subject was mailed a 1-A classification card on February 20, 1945, at 1624 Harrison Street, Milwaukie, Oregon, said card being returned marked "No such number."

A review of the subject's file reflected that he addressed a communication to Local Draft Board 95, which was an undated communication stating that he was a minister and should be classified 4-D. It was noted on this

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communication that subject furnished a return address of 1625 Harrison Street, Milwaukie, Oregon.

It was pointed out by reporting agent to Mr. RYAN, Chief Clerk of Local Board 95, that subject had furnished a return address of 1625 Harrison Street, Milwaukie, Oregon, in the undated communication from him written to the Board and which was retained in the subject's Selective Service file. It was pointed out to Mr. RYAN that all communications addressed to the subject by the Board had been sent to 1624 Harrison and that was the explanation for most of these communications being returned, "No such number."

It was also noted in OWEN's file that he was classified 4-D on January 12, 1943, and was later classified 1-A February 19, 1945.

The facts of the subject's classification by Local Board 95 were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney JOSEPH KARESH on April 28, 1945. Assistant United States Attorney JOSEPH KARESH stated that there appeared to be an indication that subject may have violated the Selective Service Act and requested reporting agent to develop information regarding subject's employment.

Accordingly, the above-referenced teletype was sent to the Des Moines Office on April 6, 1945, requesting information regarding subject's employment with the Open Bible Standard Churches, Inc., Des Moines, Iowa.

In a teletype dated April 10, 1945, addressed to the Los Angeles, Portland, San Francisco, and Seattle Field Divisions, the Des Moines office, advised that the subject had never been associated with the Open Bible Standard Churches, Inc. The Des Moines Office further advised that subject had appeared as an Evangelist, and had spoken in numerous Open Bible Churches against the wishes of the Institute but had no official connection with the fellowship.

Reverend ROY SOUTHARD, 1445-11th Avenue, advised he is presently minister of the San Francisco Open Bible Church which was formerly known as the San Francisco Gospel Center. He stated that he has been serving in this capacity for a period of approximately 2 years, having served prior to that time as field representative of the Open Bible Standard Churches. Mr. SOUTHARD stated he has known OWEN for a number of years and that he is positive that OWEN has been connected in no official way with the Open Bible Standard Churches, Inc. It is his understanding that OWEN at one time conducted meetings at one or more of the Open Bible Standard Churches in Des Moines and was dismissed from those churches when it was disclosed that he had become entangled in some immoral acts with several female members of his former San Francisco congregation.

Reverend SOUTHARD advised that OWEN first came to his attention when OWEN was conducting meetings at the Glad Tidings Church in San Francisco in 1937. He stated that during the time OWEN was preaching at this church, he was expelled from the church as a result of affidavits furnished by three

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women who claimed that OWEN had sexual intercourse with them. According to Reverend SOUTHARD, as a result of his being expelled by the Glad Tidings Temple, he formed his own church, calling it the San Francisco Gospel Center. He advised that at the time that OWENS had founded this church, and later when he was pastor of it, the church was in no way connected with the Open Bible Standard Churches, Inc., and that the church did not become so affiliated until after OWEN left it in 1940.

Reverend SOUTHARD advised that Dr. THEODORE PAVALEDES, with offices located in the Flood Building, 870 Market Street, was interested in the religious work of the San Francisco Gospel Center in San Francisco and had been a member of the church from the time of its being founded. Dr. SOUTHARD stated that in his opinion Dr. PAVALEDES would be able to furnish information regarding the subject's ordination.

With regard to subject's activities, it might be a violation of the White Slave Traffic Act, and Mr. SOUTHARD stated that it was common knowledge among the associates of the subject that he had traveled with various women on his trips around the country as an Evangelist. Mr. SOUTHARD stated that he knew of one such instance where a girl whose name he could not recall had traveled with the subject as his cousin during 1940, 1941, and 1942. He stated that detailed information regarding this affair could be obtained from the clergy office of the Great Northern Railroad in Chicago, Illinois. Reverend SOUTHARD related that while traveling with this girl, the subject encountered some difficulty with the Great Northern Railway and that upon the basis of this information, the subject was refused a clergy book which would have entitled him to railroad fare at a reduced rate.

Dr. THEODORE PAVALEDES, 870 Market Street, advised that he has known OWEN for approximately 7 years. He stated that subject's father, whose name he could not recall, had been the first pastor of the San Francisco Gospel Center and had served in this capacity until the subject had been ordained in about 1938. He stated that the San Francisco Gospel Center had actually been founded by OWEN shortly after OWEN had been dismissed from the Glad Tidings Temple where he had been holding revival services. Dr. PAVALEDES stated that OWEN was not ordained when he founded the church but never preached there until he was ordained.

Reverend R. J. THURMAN, Secretary, Northern California District Assemblies of God, was interviewed by reporting agent in his office which is located at the Glad Tidings Temple, 1453 Ellis Street. Reverend THURMAN advised that the subject was expelled from the Glad Tidings Temple December 20, 1937. He stated that subject was expelled due to the fact that one ALVERTA LEUCHEOUR, 1500 Black (or Blake) Street, Berkeley, California, had stated in an affidavit that the subject had intimate relations with her after she had gone to him for religious guidance. Reverend THURMAN advised that two other women whose names he could not recall, had also furnished affidavits indicating subject had sexual intercourse with them.

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He stated that subject was called to trial before the Northern California and Nevada District Presbytery of the Assemblies of God. He stated that as a result of this trial, subject was expelled from the Assemblies of God, and, since December 20, 1937, he had not been associated in any way with either the Glad Tidings Temple or the Assemblies of God.

Lt. GEORGE T. DAVIS, Western Defense Command, Civil Affairs Section, Presidio, San Francisco, advised that he was formerly a practicing attorney in the city of San Francisco. He stated that he had defended the subject in a case in which the subject had been charged with Grand Theft and alleged to have defrauded Mrs. ANNA JOHANSON of approximately \$2700. DAVIS advised that OWEN had been acquitted of this charge. He stated that in his opinion, OWEN had not been guilty of a violation of any law and that if he did obtain money from Mrs. JOHANSON, he had done it legally. He stated that during the course of the trial, he was able to become well acquainted with OWEN but that he had no knowledge of OWEN's activities with women.

Special Agent JOSEPH A. CONNORS checked the files of the San Francisco Police Department and ascertained that the subject was arrested on May 10, 1939 and charged with Grand Theft. According to the files of the San Francisco Police Department, the subject was found "not guilty," September 22, 1939, being represented by Attorney GEORGE DAVIS.

The facts of this case were again discussed with Assistant United States Attorney JOSEPH KARESH who advised that since Local Draft Board 95 had erroneously forwarded correspondence to the subject at 1624 Harrison Street, Milwaukie, Oregon, the subject had not violated the Selective Service Act. He stated that the subject had furnished false information in his questionnaire when he stated that he was employed by the Open Bible Standard Churches, Inc., of Des Moines, but that no prosecution could be had on this matter due to the fact that this information was furnished to the Board on November 20, 1940, and that the Statute of Limitations had now run.

Assistant United States Attorney JOSEPH KARESH indicated a willingness to prosecute OWEN in the event he became delinquent with his Board in the future. He stated that he was instructing Local Board 95 to immediately forward a notice of classification and a notice to report for physical examination to the subject's address at 1625 Harrison Street, Milwaukie, Oregon, and that in the event these notices were returned unclaimed, he wished to institute proceedings against the subject for violation of the Selective Service Act.

-REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN-

June 11, 1945

MEMO FOR SAC:

ATTENTION: ASAC J. A. BERNARD

RE: REV. JERRY OWENS

[REDACTED], with aliases - VICTIM
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT
(31-4130)

On this date DR. J. W. LEHMAN who advises that he is a practicing Dentist, Sellwood District, 7732 S. E. 13th, Portland, Oregon (Tele La 4312), furnished information that he is one of the Board members of the church in Milwaukie, Oregon, where the subject conducts gospel services. DR. LEHMAN further stated that he had discussed the case of OWENS with Inspector Jenkins of the Portland Police Department. It appears that Inspector Jenkins furnished to DR. LEHMAN the writer's name which may have become confused with the name of J. A. BERNARD as the writer does not personally know Inspector Jenkins.

DR. LEHMAN stated that REV. OWENS has been denouncing the FBI and the Portland PD from the pulpit as being "in league with the devil" so to speak in connection with the fact that OWENS now contends that he was "framed" in the recent Mallory Hotel escapade. DR. LEHMAN has stated that he and other Board members are quite convinced that OWENS is a scoundrel of the worst order and are preparing to deal with him in no uncertain terms. DR. LEHMAN said that he would like to discuss this matter with the FBI and furnish any information possible that they may have in their possession. He has arranged to appear at the Portland Field Office with possibly one other Board member on June 12, 1945 at 1:30 pm to discuss this matter.

DR. LEHMAN understands that the case records of the FBI are not open and are of a confidential nature; however, he was urged to come to this office to discuss the matter and to furnish any information he might have.

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ELVIN L. BARTON
Special Agent

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Gospel Park Board Defied in Removal

Evangelist Jerry Owen, whose police court conviction on a disorderly conduct charge is in the process of appeal to circuit court, Sunday hurled words of defiance at the trustees of We the People Crystal Lake Gospel park, asserting he is still the park's president, despite the trustees' action removing him.

Speaking from the Friendship Tabernacle pulpit, Owen said his arrest last February in a downtown hotel room was "all cut and dried." He charged too, that he was "kangarooed" in the city jail without privilege of telephoning outside.

Sign at Lake Removed

He told the congregation he had already removed the "no trespassing" sign placed at Crystal Lake park by the trustees and that he planned to remove the signboard.

Owen, college football player turned evangelist, accused the trustees of trying to grab the park property for themselves. He stated he had appointed the board in the first place and that "I am still the president of the Crystal Lake Gospel park."

The trustees removed him as president last week, charging he had violated the Scriptural requirements under which he was to have held the position for life.

Owen Fined \$50, Sentenced

Owen was fined \$50 and sentenced to 30 days in jail by Municipal Judge J. J. Quillin last February after the 31-year-old evangelist assertedly was found in a downtown hotel room with Miss Frances McCarty, 22. Miss McCarty also was fined and jailed. Both cases are on appeal to circuit court.

Referring to a paternity suit filed against him by a waitress in Los Angeles last May, Owen declared that "I don't know anybody by that name." He added that as yet no papers have been served on him in the case.

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Portland, Oregon
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MEMO, SAC:

RE: OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was.,
[REDACTED], was., Victim
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

This is to advise that the writer accompanied by Special Agent ELVIN L. BARTON interviewed DR. J. W. LEHMAN, who had previously stated he had some information concerning the subject of the above-entitled case. DR. LEHMAN advised that he lives at 7732 SE. 13th Avenue in Portland and that he is a practicing Dentist in the Sellwood District of Portland.

DR. LEHMAN further stated that he is a trustee of the "We the People Incorporation", Crystal Lake Tabernacle, Milwaukie, Oregon, and is interested as are the other trustees of this church in securing the resignation of the subject from the above-mentioned church. DR. LEHMAN advised that OWEN is possibly stating that he has been framed by the FBI and Police Department here in Portland and that there was a third person in the room with him and the victim when they were arrested by the Police Department at the Mallory Hotel.

DR. LEHMAN could furnish no additional information relative to the activities of the subject which would be of any value in the prosecution of this case.

DR. LEHMAN stated, however, that he understands that the subject had been ordained as a minister by MORRIS G. BROCK of the Hawthorne Temple, Portland, Oregon. DR. LEHMAN stated, however, that Reverend BROCK is no longer in sympathy with the subject and added that it is his understanding that BROCK only ordained the subject for a period of one year and it is possible that this may have expired at the present time. DR. LEHMAN also was advised that no information in the files of the FBI could be furnished to him relative to this case but the original newspaper clipping setting out the subject's arrest was read to DR. LEHMAN and he was advised that at the time the subject was being tried for disorderly conduct at the municipal court by the police no reference was made to the third person in the room by the victim at the time of her arrest.

DR. LEHMAN stated that if any information came to his attention which would assist the FBI in their investigation of the subject he would immediately communicate with this office.

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OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, WAS, [REDACTED], WAS, VISTIM WSTA.
JAMES WEST, PORTLAND CITY ATTORNEY ADVISES IF OWEN DEMANDS JURY TRIAL
ON DISORDERLY CONDUCT SAME WILL BE HAD IN SEPTEMBER, IF JURY TRIAL NOT
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OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, WAS, [REDACTED], WAS, VIC., WSTA.

REURTEL JUNE THIRTY LAST. COMPLAINT FILED FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN LAST
CHARGING SUBJECT WITH VIOLATION PORTLAND CITY ORDINANCE SEVEN SIX
THREE THREE NINE, DISORDERLY CONDUCT. PLEADED NOT GUILTY MUNICIPAL
COURT, FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN LAST. CONVICTED AND SENTENCED THIRTY
DAYS CITY JAIL, FINED THIRTY DOLLARS SAME DATE. ON FEBRUARY TWENTY
APPEALED TO CIRCUIT COURT, OREGON, FROM JUDGMENT RENDERED FEBRUARY
SEVENTEEN. APPEAL ALLOWED AND FURTHER PROCEEDINGS STAYED. SUBJECT
RELEASED ON TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLAR BAIL FEBRUARY TWENTY LAST.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PORTLAND**

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REPORT MADE AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	DATE WHEN MADE 7/7/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/9, 16/45	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT E. MASTERS, SA FCL
TITLE OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was.; [REDACTED], was., - Victims			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. McCORMICK, owners of Columbia Hotel, Kelso, Wn., identify photos of subject and victim [REDACTED], but fail to recall name used by subject at time of registration at this hotel. Victim as [REDACTED] registered at Columbia Hotel 10/8/43 and departed 11/7/43. Employed as maid 10/21/43 to 11/5/43. Mrs. McCORMICK recalls that on 2 different instances, victim took entire pay check and bought subject a wristwatch and electric razor. Victim states she had met subject in Iowa and on her departure stated she was returning to Iowa. Hotel registration cards of certain individuals who may be identical with subject who registered during pertinent period obtained to be forwarded for handwriting comparison.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. GELDER, Portland, Oregon, dated 5/25/45

DETAILS:

At Kelso, Washington

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. McCORMICK, Columbia Hotel, stated that they identified the photograph of [REDACTED], Portland #A1680, dated February 17, 1945, as being identical with [REDACTED], who registered

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at that hotel on October 8, 1943, and who departed from that place on November 7, 1943. Mrs. McCORMICK stated that ROATH under the name of [REDACTED] and with [REDACTED] had been employed as a maid at the Columbia Hotel from October 21, 1943, to November 5, 1943. Mrs. McCORMICK stated that she had become quite friendly with [REDACTED] and although [REDACTED] stated she was 16 years of age, Mrs. McCORMICK stated she did not believe she was more than 14. Mrs. McCORMICK stated that when [REDACTED] first arrived at that hotel, she came alone and sat around the lobby for several days telling Mrs. McCORMICK that she was waiting the arrival of her husband. [REDACTED] stated that her husband was a traveling salesman, but was unable to give any information as to the articles he sold or where his location was at that time. Mrs. McCORMICK stated that the individual known as OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, whose photograph has Portland #22115, dated February 17, 1945, and was exhibited to Mr. and Mrs. E. B. McCORMICK, is identical with the individual who came to that hotel and who [REDACTED] claimed was her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. McCORMICK stated that they could not recall the name used by OWEN at the time of his registration at that hotel, but they are quite certain that at no time did this couple register as man and wife. Mr. McCORMICK stated that when OWEN arrived at the hotel, he gave no indication of recognizing [REDACTED], although [REDACTED] had told them that this individual was her husband. Mrs. McCORMICK stated that on two different occasions the victim had taken her entire pay check and had purchased a wristwatch and an electric razor for OWEN.

Mr. McCORMICK stated that the subject drove a flashy car whenever he came to the hotel, but he could not recall the make nor the license number. Mr. McCORMICK recalled that the victim stated she had met OWEN in Iowa and at the time of her departure said she was returning to Des Moines.

The McCORMICKs pointed out that while [REDACTED] stayed at the hotel and OWEN visited her, never at any time did they see OWEN in her room or McCARTY in OWEN's room, nor did McCARTY ever leave the hotel with him. McCORMICK stated that [REDACTED] would meet OWEN on a street corner. According to their recollection, OWEN called at the hotel practically every weekend and during the week. He also recalled that he went by the name of JERRY and believed that he used a very common name, but McCORMICK was unable to recall it.

The following registration cards for the hotel were turned over to the reporting agent as being possibly the registration card of OWEN. These cards are being forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for handwriting comparison in an effort to determine whether or not OWEN registered at that hotel on the given dates.

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J. L. NELSON
2016 - 28th Street
Milwaukie, Oregon
Room 214, Card #33281
10/25/43

W. B. NELSON
2743 - N.E. 38th
Portland, Oregon
Room 208, Card #33295
10/26/43

P. J. LAMBERTY
Portland, Oregon
Room 221, Card #33343
10/27/43

J. A. McCANN
Portland, Oregon
Room 323, Card #33363
10/28/43

J. R. RANDALL
Portland, Oregon
Room 218, Card #33177
10/20/43

J. D. KELLEY
405 South Bailey Avenue
Hillsboro, Oregon
Room 423, Card #33424
10/30/43

JAMES A. NELSON
Portland
Room 218, Card #33567
11/3/43

JAMES A. NELSON
Portland, Oregon
Room 206, Card #33592
11/4/43

JAMES A. NELSON
Portland
Room 402, Card #33616
11/5/43

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J. CLIDE
Spokane, Washington
Room 301, Card #33680
11/7/43

There is also included one registration card for [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Des Moines, Iowa, Room 216, Card #32796, dated October 8, 1943.

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THE PORTLAND FIELD DIVISION

At Portland, Oregon:

Will obtain handwriting specimens and signatures of the subject, OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was., and of victim, [REDACTED], was., and will forward the same to the FBI Laboratory for comparison with the signatures of the registration cards obtained from the New Columbia Hotel, Kelso, Washington.

THE SEATTLE FIELD DIVISION

At Seattle, Washington:

* Will display photographs of subject and victim to Porter RAY MILLER and other employees of the New Washington Hotel in an effort to establish that the subject and victim engaged in immoral relations while at this hotel and then will secure any other information that would indicate that the subject was supporting victim [REDACTED].

* Will display photograph of subject and interview a number of informants in houses of prostitution and determine if there is any truth in the statement that he had six or seven prostitutes, one of which was Japanese, working for him in that city.

At Tacoma, Washington:

* Will display subject's and victim's photograph and interview Mrs. MARRIMAN (phonetic) who lives on Broadway, one block above the Buick garage, telephone number 1467, relative to their activities.

* Will also interview Mrs. HYDEL, who lives with Mrs. MARRIMAN, relative to subject's and victim's activities.

* Will conduct investigation relative to subject and victim at 610 Broadway, where the victim was known as Mrs. JOE FOSTER. (This address may be that of Mrs. MARRIMAN.)

* Will at the Winthrop Hotel contact and interview and display photographs of subject and victim to employees in an attempt to establish immoral relations. (It is noted that subject and victim were supposed to have occupied a room in this hotel on February 2, 1945.)

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At Tacoma, Washington: (continued)

* Will display photographs of subject and victim to management and employees of the CARSTEINE's (phonetic) PACKING COMPANY in an effort to determine when victim was employed there and if she had any dealings with subject in that place.

* Will also obtain background information relative to the victim from this company and conduct appropriate neighborhood investigation relative to the subject's and victim's activities.

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ATTENTION FBI LABORATORY

July 7, 1945

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OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was., Oliver Jerry Owen,
Reverend Jerry Owen, Harry Roberts, [REDACTED];
[REDACTED], was., [REDACTED];
[REDACTED], Mrs. [REDACTED];
[REDACTED], wa., [REDACTED] - VICTIMS
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

There are enclosed the following registration cards obtained from the New Columbia Hotel, Kelso, Washington, which are believed to be the registrations of subject OWEN at that hotel:

J. L. NELSON
2016 - 28th Street
Milwaukie, Ore.
Room 214, Card #33281
10/25/43

J. D. KELLEY
405 South Bailey Avenue
Hillsboro, Oregon
Room 423, Card #33424
10/30/43

W. B. NELSON
2743 - N.E. 38th
Portland, Oregon
Room 208, Card #33295
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Room 221, Card #33343
10/27/43

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Portland, Oregon
Room 206, Card #33592
11/4/43

J. A. McCANN
Portland, Oregon
Room 323, Card #33363
10/28/43

JAMES A. NELSON
Portland
Room 402, Card #33616
11/5/43

J. R. RANDALL
Portland, Oregon
Room 218, Card #33177
10/20/43

J. CLYDE
Spokane, Washington
Room 301, Card #33680
11/7/43

It is requested that a handwriting examination be made to ascertain whether or not these signatures are identical with the signature of subject OWEN.

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ATTENTION FBI LABORATORY

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There is also enclosed one registration of the New Columbia Hotel, Account #32796, for October 8, 1943, in the name of [REDACTED] Des Moines, Iowa. It is believed that this is the signature of victim [REDACTED]. It is requested that a handwriting examination be conducted to determine whether or not this is the signature of the victim [REDACTED].

The Portland Field Division will forward to the FBI Laboratory known signatures of subject, OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was., and victim, [REDACTED] was.

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ADD - OLIVER BRIDLEY OWEN, WAS, [REDACTED], WAS, VICTIM, WSTA.
USA, SAN FRANCISCO VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN INSTANT CASE BUT CONTENTS
FACTS FURNISHED NOT SUFFICIENT IN DETAIL TO GIVE HIM A COMPLETE PICTURE
OF JUDICIAL STEPS TAKEN TO DATE. IN CASE OF APPEAL TO CIRCUIT COURT,
TISL PROCEEDINGS AMOUNT TO A RETRIAL WITH RECONSIDERATION OF ALL EVIDENCE
OR WILL IT BE MERELY A REVIEW OF SENTENCE OF MUNICIPAL
COURT. WANTS CERTIFIED COPY OF JUDGEMENT IN MUNICIPAL COURT AND COPY
OF APPEAL MADE ON FEBRUARY TWENTIETH TO CIRCUIT COURT, OREGON. HANDLE.

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OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was Oliver Jerry Owen,
Rev. Jerry Owen, Harry Roberts, [REDACTED];

[REDACTED] was [REDACTED];

[REDACTED] Mrs. [REDACTED];

[REDACTED] wa [REDACTED]

- VICTIMS

Reference is made to your teletype of July 11, 1945, relative to the above-captioned matter.

Enclosed you will find the following papers which have been certified by Deputy Multnomah County Clerk M. ALLEN:

Judgment re [REDACTED]

Undertaking On Appeal re OLIVER B. OWENS

Judgement re OLIVER B. OWENS

Undertaking on Appeal re OLIVER B. OWENS

Complaint re OLIVER B. OWENS and [REDACTED]

The above-certified papers are enclosed so they may be furnished to the U. S. Attorney at San Francisco in accordance with his request and referenced teletype.

Mrs. REX SMITH, Secretary of the Municipal Judge J. J. QUILLIN, advised that the appeal taken by the subject and Victim [REDACTED] in this case, which will be tried in the Multnomah County Circuit Court, will amount to retrial in which all the evidence previously submitted during the trial of the case in the Municipal Court will be re-presented. Mrs. SMITH further stated that it is not necessary to file reasons for appealing a case from the Municipal Court to the Circuit Court and consequently there are no papers on file relative to the grounds on which OWEN and [REDACTED] are appealing their cases.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

July 20, 1945

To: SAC, Seattle

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on July 14, 1945.

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re: OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was;
[REDACTED] was;
[REDACTED] was. - VICTIMS;
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

YOUR FILE NO. 31-854
FBI FILE NO. 31-71285
LAB. NO. D-40203 EG

Examination requested by: Seattle

Reference: Letter dated July 7, 1945

Examination requested: Document

Specimens: The following are registration cards of the New Columbia Hotel, Kelso, Washington.

- Q1 Card #33281 bearing signature J. L. NELSON.
- Q2 Card #33295 bearing signature W. B. NELSON.
- Q3 Card #33343 bearing signature P. J. LAMBERTY.
- Q4 Card #33363 bearing signature J. A. McCANN.
- Q5 Card #33177 bearing signature J. R. RANDLE.
- Q6 Card #33424 bearing signature J. D. KELLEY.
- Q7 Card #33567 bearing signature JAMES A. NELSON.
- Q8 Card #33616 bearing signature JAMES A. NELSON.
- Q9 Card #33680 bearing signature J. GLYDE.
- Q10 Card #33592 bearing signature JAMES NELSON.
- Q11 Card #32796 bearing signature [REDACTED]

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Result of Examination:

It was concluded that the questioned handwriting on specimens Q7, Q8 and Q10 was prepared by one individual.

It was concluded that the questioned writing on specimen Q1 was prepared by one individual and the questioned writing on specimen Q2 by still another person, and that neither of these specimens was prepared by the individual who prepared specimens Q7, Q8 and Q10.

A definite conclusion could not be reached as to whether specimens Q3, Q4, Q5, Q6, Q9 and Q11 were prepared by one individual or by any of the individuals who prepared the Nelson signatures on specimens Q1, Q2, Q7, Q8 and Q10 because there was an insufficient grouping of common letters for an adequate comparison.

The above-listed questioned material will be compared with the known writing of Oliver Brindley Owen and [REDACTED] when these writings are submitted by the Portland Field Division.

Specimens Q1 through Q11 are being retained in the files of the Laboratory.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PORTLAND**

FILE NO. **31-5727**

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 7/26/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/14/45	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM M. HAWKINS HDW
TITLE "CHANGED" OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, Was. Oliver Jerry Owen, Rev. Jerry Owen, Harry Roberts, [REDACTED]			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT
[REDACTED] - VICTIM SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Marriage license records do not show subject married present wife BEVERLY on 7/30/37. [REDACTED] states her last transportation by subject was from Portland, Oregon to Los Angeles 3/1/42. - RUC - REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent JOHN J. BRYANT dated April 9, 1945 at Los Angeles. Report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. GELDER dated May 24, 1945 at Portland. DETAILS: The title of this case is being changed to delete the name of victim [REDACTED], with alias [REDACTED] inasmuch as the statute of limitations has expired regarding her transportation by subject. The Los Angeles County marriage license records do not show that subject under his correct name or any alias married BEVERLY on September 30, 1937. The records were also searched for the years 1936 and 1938. In the original interview of [REDACTED] as set out in the report of Special Agent JOHN J. BRYANT dated April 9, 1945, [REDACTED] stated that she was last transported by subject from Portland, Oregon to Los Angeles around March 1, 1942. It is pointed out that this transportation was prior to three years ago and that the statute of limitations has expired. The following description of [REDACTED] was obtained			
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at the time of the original interview:

Age:	28
Date of Birth:	December 1, 1916
Place of Birth:	Muskogee, Oklahoma
Height:	5'
Weight:	115 pounds
Build:	Medium
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Peroxide blond
Complexion:	Light
Race:	White

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PORTLAND**

FILE NO. **31-854**

REPORT MADE AT Seattle, Washington	DATE WHEN MADE 8-3-45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/12, 16, 18, 19; 7/16/45	REPORT MADE BY SAMUEL B. MURPHY jh
TITLE OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was.; [REDACTED] was., - VICTIMS			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. NINA MERRIMAN, who operates the Interdenominational Christian Girls Home, Tacoma, advises victim [REDACTED] came to her at the Stratford Hotel, Tacoma during the fall of 1943, stayed 3 to 4 months and left. Victim returned to Mrs. MERRIMAN at 610 Broadway on 12/17/44 and advised that she was [REDACTED]. Stayed until February, 1945 when she departed for Portland, presumably with subject. OWEN and [REDACTED] identified by employees of Winthrop Hotel in Tacoma. Hotel registration cards at Winthrop reflect registration of [REDACTED] on 2/3/45 from Portland, Oregon. Assistant manager and bellhops, New Washington Hotel, Seattle, identify subject and victim [REDACTED] as having resided together as man and wife at New Washington Hotel. Registration records reflect residence of subject and victim at New Washington from December 31, 1944 until January 23, 1945. Subject operated late model Cadillac automobile while in Seattle and advised bellhops not to discuss this or his ability to stay at first class hotel with any one. Bellhops indicate subject, although a minister, has had girls at the hotel on several occasions without registering them.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. GELDER dated May 25, 1945 at Portland, Oregon.

DETAILS:

AT TACOMA, WASHINGTON

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JOHN R. BRECKENRIDGE (A) on June 12, 16, 18 and 19, 1945: Mrs. NINA MERRIMAN of 610 Broadway, who operates the Interdenominational Christian Girls' Home, was contacted and advises as follows:

She said that victim [REDACTED] came to her at the Stratford Hotel at Tacoma during the Fall of 1943. She said that she believes the victim came to her on the request of the subject, and while at the Stratford for a period of about 3 or 4 months in 1943 she worked off and on at the Carstens Packing Company. Mrs. MERRIMAN advised that it was her opinion that the victim left Tacoma around Christmas of 1943 to go to Spokane to be with her father. Mrs. MERRIMAN said that she did not see subject and victim again until December 17, 1944 at which time she came to Mrs. MERRIMAN at 610 Broadway. She advised that [REDACTED] when she came to the 610 Broadway address. She stayed there until February of 1945 when she went to Portland, Oregon presumably with subject OWEN.

Mrs. MERRIMAN said she first met subject OWEN about two years ago at the Normana Hall in Tacoma where he was holding religious gospel meetings. From the conversations she has had with the victim Mrs. MERRIMAN stated that it was her opinion that subject OWEN met victim in Iowa when she was a girl of about 12 years of age and possibly subject OWEN stayed with the victim's parents at that time. Mrs. MERRIMAN said that the victim has told her on numerous occasions that subject OWEN was like a big brother to her and that she has stayed with OWEN in Portland, Oregon at his religious meeting park or camp. Mrs. MERRIMAN said that from her knowledge of the subject, it was her opinion that he is strictly a religious man and has never had any dealings with the victim of an immoral nature; however, she said that she knows nothing about his personal life.

Mrs. THARA T. HEIDEL, also of 610 Broadway, was contacted and she advised that she only knew OWEN by having gone to some of his evangelistic meetings in Tacoma. Concerning Victim Mrs. HEIDEL said that she had heard from her that she travelled regularly with evangelists and had lived with OWEN at various places.

Confidential Informant T-1 was contacted and advised that OWEN has been coming to Tacoma off and on since 1940 to conduct evangelistic meetings at the Faith Temple and other places. According to T-1, subject OWEN is a glorified con man using religion as a ruse and has frauded numerous individuals. He would use religion as a means of obtaining loans. T-1 said that subject has been intimately associated with numerous young girls and some of them have followed him from religious meeting to meeting up and down the Pacific Coast; however, it was T-1's opinion that these escapades were merely personal and no commercialism was ever involved. T-1 said that he was mixed up with the subject himself in religious affairs but that he was all through with his association with the subject and has not seen him since February, 1945.

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Photographs of the subject and victim were exhibited to PEARL MADSEN at the Winthrop Hotel in Tacoma and she, as well as Mr. E. E. SHEPHARD of the hotel, advised that they had seen both subject and victim about the hotel. Hotel registration cards were checked and it was ascertained that one [REDACTED] registered at the Winthrop Hotel on February 3, 1945 from Portland, Oregon and stayed there one night. [REDACTED] had previously stayed in the Winthrop Hotel on February 2, 1945, also registering from Portland, Oregon. These hotel registration cards are numbers 17024 and 17061.

Mr. G. STEVENS, Timekeeper, Carstens Packing Company, Tacoma, advised that the victim worked there in the pork department from February 1, 1944 until February 19, 1944.

J. MURDOCH, Superintendent of the Carstens Plant, upon examining photographs of subject and victim, advised that he had seen them both about the plant and it was his recollection that subject OWEN had obtained a job for the victim at Carstens.

HOWARD TOY, Superintendent of the Pork department at Carstens, advised that victim worked for him in the kitchen during February of 1944 but does not recall the name she used. TOY readily recognized both photographs of subject and victim but said he had no information regarding their activities.

Confidential Informant T-2 was contacted at Tacoma and he advised that he had had numerous inquiries about the county concerning subject. One in particular had reference to subject posing as an ex-southern California football star and tying same in with his religious activities. T-2 stated that from the information he had developed, the subject had enrolled as a freshman at the University of Southern California in September, 1936 and had withdrawn from that institution November 6, 1936. Further, that he had reported for freshman football and was certified as eligible for competition but no record was found concerning his having represented the University of Southern California in football competition. T-2 stated that from reports he had had concerning the subject, he was nothing but a fraud using religion as a cloak.

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AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

On July 16, 1945 the following investigation was conducted at the New Washington Hotel by the writer:

RAY MILLER, transportation porter, advised that he has a definite recollection of JERRY OWENS. He stated he has stayed at the New Washington Hotel off and on over a five to six year period, and on one occasion subject performed a marriage service for a friend of MILLER, at which ceremony MILLER was best man. MILLER denied ever having seen victim [REDACTED] before and stated that he had no personal recollection that subject ever registered as man and wife or had ever done anything out of the ordinary while at the hotel.

RAY THATCHER, Assistant Manager, New Washington Hotel, is acquainted with subject under the name of JERRY OWEN. He stated that subject has stayed at the New Washington Hotel with the last month or since his arrest at Portland. THATCHER stated he had a very definite recollection of victim since she stayed with subject as man and wife at the New Washington Hotel during the last part of 1944 and early part of 1945. He particularly remembers victim because she claimed the loss of a wrist watch valued at \$1,000.00, which subject claimed he had bought for her. THATCHER stated that subject and victim had had Room 1207 at the hotel during this particular visit and had had some sort of an argument with some sailors staying in Room 1202. THATCHER's recollection on these matters was independent of any check of the hotel registration records. He stated further that on their arrival here as man and wife they had been accompanied by a young child who had stayed in the room about one night and had then been left some other place.

The records of the New Washington Hotel reflect that subject and victim apparently occupied the same room, Room 1207, continuously from December 31, 1944 until January 23, 1945. They originally registered as M. J. OWEN, Mrs. OWEN and child. Their address was given as 2615 Harrison, Milwaukie, Oregon, and on subsequent registration during the same period (to evade the 6-day hotel rule now in existence) the address was given as 2615 Harrison, Portland, Oregon. THATCHER characterized subject as a man who drinks a lot for a minister and who had formerly had other girls with him in the hotel.

BILL KOVACH, bellhop at the New Washington Hotel, had a very clear recollection of subject and victim and stated he had known subject for approximately five years. He advised that subject operates a 1940 or 1941 Cadillac automobile and asked KOVACH not to mention that fact or the fact that he was living at a first class hotel to any people making inquiries. KOVACH stated that OWEN advised him on one occasion that "The preaching racket was good." He further advised that OWEN had purchased liquor in substantial quantities from a liquor store near the hotel and had done quite a bit of drinking in his room. He further stated that OWEN had frequently had girls in the hotel without

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registering them. Subject's photograph was displayed to confidential source A who advised that he had seen him at some of the local speakeasies, but stated that he was no so far as he knew a pimp.

In view of the fact that there are no houses of prostitution presently operating in Seattle openly the lead in referenced report to interview informants in houses of prostitution is being disregarded.

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CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES

Confidential Source A - JACK RICHTER, Holland Hotel, who is not available as a witness.

T-1 AL FARRAR, Lt. Detectives, Tacoma Police Department

T-2 WALTER WEST, Manager, Better Business Bureau, Tacoma.

Portland, Oregon
August 10, 1945

MEMO, SAC:

RE: OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, Was.
[REDACTED], was.,
- VICTIMS
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

This is to advise that on August 8, 1945 the writer discussed the facts of this case with Asst. U. S. Attorney VICTOR E. HARR who stated he would present this case to the next Federal Grand Jury which will be called sometime during the month of September, 1945.

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WILLIAM E. GELDER
Special Agent

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PORTLAND, OREGON**

FILE NO. **31-4130**

REPORT MADE AT PORTLAND, OREGON	DATE WHEN MADE 8-14-45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7-12,13,27-45	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM E. GELDER ham
TITLE OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was.; [REDACTED], was., - VICTIMS			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT SELECTIVE SERVICE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject's appeal on disorderly conduct charge still pending as of 7-27-45, Portland, Oregon. USA San Francisco was furnished certified copies of Portland Municipal Court action to date.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. GELDER, Portland, May 25, 1945.
Report of Special Agent ROBERT E. MASTERS, Seattle, July 7, 1945.

DETAILS:

At Portland, Oregon

Mrs. REX SMITH, Secretary to Municipal Judges J. A. QUILLEN and JOHN SEABROOK, upon interview at the City Hall advised that the appeal taken by the subject and victim [REDACTED], which will be tried in the Multnomah County Circuit Court, will amount to a retrial in which all of the evidence previously submitted during the trial of the original case in the Municipal Court will be represented. Mrs. SMITH further stated that it is not necessary to file reasons for appealing a case from the Municipal Court to the Circuit Court, and consequently there are no papers on file relative to the grounds on which OWEN and [REDACTED] are appealing their cases.

Mrs. SMITH made copies of the following papers which were certified to by Deputy Multnomah County Clerk M. ALLEN: Complaint re OLIVER B. OWEN and [REDACTED], Judgment re [REDACTED], Judgment re OLIVER B. OWEN, Undertaking on appeal re [REDACTED], Undertaking on appeal re OLIVER B. OWEN.

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The above-enumerated certified papers were forwarded to the San Francisco Field Division at their request so that same might be furnished to the U. S. Attorney in that city.

A review of the file in this case reflects that on June 14, 1945 Dr. J. W. LEHMAN, 7732 SE. Thirteenth Avenue, Portland, Oregon, visited this office and advised that he is a practicing dentist in the Sellwood district of Portland and also a trustee of the "We the People Incorporated" Crystal Lake Tabernacle, Milwaukie, Oregon. Dr. LEHMAN advised that not only he but the other trustees of this church are very anxious to secure the resignation of the subject from the above-mentioned church. He could furnish no information relative to the activities of the subject which would be of any value to the prosecution of this case.

On June 20, 1945 the San Francisco Field Division requested that the U. S. Attorney at San Francisco be advised of the disposition of the disorderly conduct charge pending against subject in the Circuit Court, Portland. On June 21, 1945 this office telegraphically advised the San Francisco office that JAMES WEST, Portland City Attorney, upon contact advised that if OWEN demands jury trial on the disorderly conduct charge the same will be had in September; however, if OWEN does not demand a jury trial, the case will be set sometime sooner, although the exact date cannot be determined. On June 30, 1945 the San Francisco office again telegraphically advised that OWEN appeared before Local Board No. 95 at San Francisco on May 21, 1945, at which time he requested deferment as an ordained minister. He admitted being arrested in a hotel in Portland for disorderly conduct and advised the board that the case had been dismissed. The U. S. Attorney at San Francisco requested that a complete chronological listing of the judicial steps so far taken relative to OWEN be made available to him.

A further review of the file reflects that a teletype from the Portland office to the San Francisco office set out the prosecutive action relative to the subject as taken in the Municipal Court, Portland, Oregon.

On July 11, 1945 the Portland office received a teletype from the San Francisco office stating that the U. S. Attorney desired a certified copy of the judgment in Municipal Court and a copy of the appeal made by the subject on February 20, 1945 to the Circuit Court of Multnomah County.

On July 18, 1945 the above requested certified copies were furnished to the San Francisco Field Division.

On July 27, 1945 Deputy City Attorney JAMES WEST advised that no further action has been taken relative to the subject's appeal.

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Copies of this report are being furnished to the San Francisco Field Division for information.

LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Los Angeles, California

*Will verify that the subject was married to his present wife BEVERLY on September 30, 1937.

*Will reinterview and obtain signed statement from [REDACTED], 538 South Fremont, paying particular attention to the dates and places of her immoral relations with subject on which the statute of limitations has not run. Will also secure any substantiating evidence of such acts she may have and advise if birth records revealed that subject is the father of her child.

*Will obtain and set out [REDACTED]'s physical description.

If upon reinterview it is determined that the statute of limitations has not yet run on all the violations, will consult the U. S. Attorney relative to the prosecution of subject.

SEATTLE FIELD DIVISION

Will determine if W. H. OFFLER, Pastor of Bethel Temple, Second Avenue and Lenora Street, is authorized to ordain subject and confirm that he ordained subject and such ordination is presently in effect.

PORTLAND FIELD DIVISION

At Portland, Oregon

Will contact MORRIS G. BROCK, Hawthorne Temple, to determine if he ordained subject and if such ordination is still in effect, and obtain any information BROCK may have which may be of value to this investigation.

*Will obtain handwriting specimens and signatures of the subject, OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was., and of victim [REDACTED], was., and forward same to the FBI Laboratory for comparison with the signatures of the registration cards obtained from the New Columbia Hotel, Kelso, Washington.

*Will follow and report result of appeal of city prosecution of subject and victim [REDACTED] on disorderly conduct charge.

*Will again contact the U. S. Attorney's office relative to prosecution of this case.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT PORTLAND

FILE NO. 31-3611

REPORT MADE AT SAN FRANCISCO	DATE WHEN MADE 10/4/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/30 7/11; 9/11, 13, 14, 28/45	REPORT MADE BY BOYCE H. LINES bmr
TITLE OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was. 31-4100 [REDACTED] was. 31-4100 - VICTIMS			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT SELECTIVE SERVICE
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject appeared before members of LDB #95, San Francisco, on 5/21/45 at which time claimed to be an Ordained Minister associated with "Bible Broadcasting Company", Portland, Oregon. Admitted he was recently found with a girl in the Portland, Oregon hotel and as a result charged with disorderly conduct but advised case was dismissed. In view of the discrepancies and facts set forth in the reference report and those furnished by subject to his LDB, USA at San Francisco requested that all board members of LDB #95 present at the meeting on 5/21/45 be interviewed as to facts as they recalled same. Interviews set forth. - P - REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent FURMAN G. BOGGAN, dated 5/23/45 at San Francisco, California. Report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. GOLDER, dated 5/25/45 at Portland, Oregon. Report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. GOLDER, dated 8/14/45 at Portland, Oregon. DETAILS: <u>AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA</u> THOMAS F. RYAN, Clerk, Local Draft Board No. 95, 50 Oak Street, advised that as a result of a request from the Assistant United States Attorney, JOSEPH KARESH, subject was forwarded a notice of change of classification in order to report for a physical examination. Thereafter, subject was granted permission and did appear before members of the Board on May 21, 1945 at which			
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time he furnished information that he was an ordained minister associated with the "Bible Broadcasting Company" at Portland, Oregon. He further admitted having been arrested in a Portland hotel and was charged with disorderly conduct. According to RYAN, the subject admitted at the time of arrest he was in a hotel room with a young woman and claimed to be conversing with her regarding Church matters. Subject further advised the entire matter was a frame-up and instigated by other Ministers of Portland, Oregon. He further advised that in view of the tripped up charges the Judge dismissed the charges that were brought against him.

The following Board members at the time the subject appeared before them on May 21, 1945 on the basis of the information he furnished at that time, classified the subject in classification 4D by vote of 4-0:

SAMUEL L. CARPENTER, JR., Chairman, Mission Exchange Building
WILLIAM P. CARR (deceased) 265 Fell Street
F. Q. TREDWAY, 65 Market Street
EDWARD J. MURPHY, 270 Turk Street
ALLEN CRITCHER (Appeal Agent) Young Building

Mr. RYAN advised that since the last meeting WILLIAM P. CARR was a board member and since passed away.

The above facts as furnished by Mr. RYAN were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney, JOSEPH KARESH, who requested that in view of the discrepancies in information furnished by the subject and that set forth in referenced reports, all members of Local Draft Board No. 95 who were present on the night of May 21, 1945 be interviewed and signed statements obtained, setting forth all statements as recalled by them as made by subject pertaining to his Ordination and facts as to the dismissal of the disorderly conduct charges mentioned above.

Mr. KARESH further requested the statements be set forth in the report and thereafter he be consulted regarding the decision of the prosecution.

"September 11, 1945

"I, SAMUEL L. CARPENTER, JR., Chairman of Local Draft Board No. 95 of the Selective Service, 50 Oak Street, San Francisco, make the following statement freely and voluntarily to Special Agents BOYCE H. LINES and EDWARD DORNLAS, JR., regarding Registrant JERRY OWEN:

"The said JERRY OWEN is a registrant of the Draft Board of which I am Chairman, and in his questionnaire and in subsequent statements claimed to be an ordained minister of the gospel. He did not, however, as I recall it, state any particular religious sect which was known to me.

"Under Selective Service rules, however, he was deferred as a minister of the gospel until the early part of 1945 when it was called to the attention of the Board that he had been arrested and convicted in a municipal or police court in Portland, Oregon, for disorderly conduct involving alleged improper relationship with a woman in Portland, Oregon.

"The Board, upon notice of such conviction, immediately reclassified said JERRY OWEN under classification 1-A. Upon notice of his change of classification, Mr. OWEN requested permission to appear before the Board and appeared at its meeting of May 21st at which time he first made the statement that the charges upon which he was alleged to have been convicted had been dismissed. The statement in this connection was to the effect that the charges had resulted from the innocent discharge of his duties and that the arrest had been occasioned by ministers and congregations of other religious sects who were apparently unfavorably inclined to himself and his sect.

"The Board questioned him at length with respect to his ordination, revealing the fact (according to his statement) that any religious sect could be started by filing intention to do so with the Secretary of State, naming the principal officer or minister, and that thereafter such officer or minister could appoint or ordain ministers to work under that sect.

"As to Mr. OWEN'S statement regarding the dismissal of the charges made against him, he was questioned at length by Mr. EDWARD J. MURPHY, member of the Board, with regard to the status of this criminal prosecution, which then developed the statement from Mr. OWEN that he was not sure of the status of the case as it was being handled by his attorneys. He felt, however, that it would be dismissed; again declaring his innocence. He offered other testimony to show that he had served as a minister of the gospel in San Francisco and inferred that he had left San Francisco because of prosecution by ministers of other sects whom he claimed were jealous of his success in obtaining congregations and money. He made other extravagant statements such as the Lord had overnight blessed him with the ability to quote any passage from the Bible although he had not theretofore read the Bible.

"It was my opinion that the man was not a minister of the gospel to the extent that I would expect from my religious training, but that the interpretation of the rules in the Selective Service was such that where his sect had proceeded under the laws of the State, the Board was powerless to do other than to retain him in the preferable class as a minister of the gospel.

"As to the effect of his claim that the charges had been dismissed, even though that may not have been a true statement; it had been brought out by Mr. MURPHY that the matter was in the hands of a lawyer and was before some court in some form, and I personally felt that the Board had no authority to prejudge his guilt or innocence and that the matter should be deferred until final action by the courts.

"My personal reaction was that if the Draft Boards were not limited to the restriction of the Selective Service rules, I would have placed him in Class 1-A, as I doubted his sincerity both as a minister of the gospel and as to the truth of any statement he might make. The case, however, appeared to come clearly within the Selective Service rules with respect to ordained ministers, and as an administrative officer, it seemed that the only solution was to keep him within that classification until final proof of his guilt determined that he was no longer qualified.

"The above statement as set forth is my best recollection of what occurred at the Board meeting on May 21, 1945, and of my conclusions.

/s/ SAMUEL L. CARPENTER, JR., Chairman
Local Draft Board No. 95
50 Oak Street
San Francisco, 2, California"

Witnesses: BOYCE H. LINES, Special Agent, FBI
EDWARD DORNLAS, JR., Special Agent, FBI

"May 21, 1945

"I, FRED Q. TREDWAY, member of Local Draft Board No. 95, 65 Oak Street, San Francisco, make the following statements to Special Agents BOYCE H. LINES and EDWARD DORNLAS, JR., of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, freely and voluntarily, regarding the testimony of JERRY OWAN before members of Local Draft Board No. 95, on May 21, 1945, at which meeting I was present.

"JERRY OWAN had previously been classified 1A in the belief that he was not a bona fide minister of religion, this action having been taken after the Board had received reports from Portland which raised doubts as to his proper status. Mr. OWAN or the Reverend OWAN appeared before the Board to testify in his behalf.

"Mr. OWAN testified that a decree or certificate of ordination had been mailed to the Board by the Bible Broadcasting Company of Portland, but also testified that he had also previously been ordained in other religious organizations for whom he had done ministerial work. He stated that he had helped build a church at 916 Laguna Street, San Francisco, and had held religious services for the San Francisco Gospel Center Inc. of San Francisco. He said that he had also been a minister of the Assemblies of God. He said that he had a church at Tacoma and was starting a Bible School this Fall in Portland, at Crystal Lake Park.

"He stated that he was ordained in 1938 by the San Francisco Gospel Center and later was ordained by the Bible Broadcasting Assn. of Portland which was organized by a Dr. BROCH.

"He stated that was currently preaching in Portland and Tacoma, had been preaching three times a day with two radio broadcasts a day.

"He reviewed, for the Board, the steps necessary to get legal standing for a religious organization or sect, and to get legal recognition as a minister of that sect, and while I do not remember the details, there were few restrictions about the process, according to Mr. OWAN, other than filing articles of incorporation with the state government and certifying or registering the fact that the registrant was the regularly constituted minister or pastor of the organization.

"Mr. OWAN stated that he had performed over 1000 marriages.

"It had been previously been called to the attention of the Board that Mr. OWAN had been arrested in Portland on a charge of disorderly conduct involving a woman in a Portland hotel room. This report was, as I remember it, accompanied by a newspaper clipping reporting his conviction.

"Mr. OWAN stated that he had not been convicted but that instead the case had been dismissed. He stated that he had a cause of action against the newspaper for erroneously reporting the facts. Mr. OWAN was questioned on the statement as to dismissal of the case, by other members of the Board, but, as I remember the discussion, Mr. OWAN, while not clear as to the exact status of the charge, was insistent that he had not been convicted and that the charge was not being prosecuted further.

"Mr. OWAN stated that the charge was brought through the efforts of the ministers of Portland who he said were jealous of his success. He stated that he had visited the woman in the hotel in the course of his religious duties and that the charge was brought as a pretext in order to get rid of him.

"After careful consideration, the Board members present, Messrs. CARR, CARPENTER, MURPHY and TREDWAY voted to place Mr. OWAN in Class A-D. This action was taken in the belief that Mr. OWAN would legally be recognized as a minister of religion under the Selective Service Act, although the members of the Board felt personally and individually that Mr. OWAN was an exponent of no religious faith of generally recognized standards.

/s/ FRED Q. TREDWAY"

Witness: BOYCE H. LINES, Special Agent, FBI
EDWARD DORNLAS, JR., Special Agent, FBI

It is to be noted that Mr. TREDWAY was the one in the course of the meeting who took the notes of what occurred at the meeting. Full contents of the notes are not being set forth at this time in view of their incompleteness.

"San Francisco, California
September 14, 1945

"I, ALAN H. CRITCHER, Government Appeal Agent for Local Board #95, Selective Service, located at 85 Oak Street, San Francisco, California, make the following statement freely and voluntarily to Special Agents, BOYCE H. LINES and EDWARD DORNLOS, JR., of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"That at all times herein mentioned I was and now am government appeal agent for Local Board #95 hereinbefore referred to; that on or about May 21, 1945 one JERRY O'IAN requested a deferred classification from said local board upon the ground that he was a duly ordained or recognized minister of religion.

"There was present at this meeting four members of the Board, the clerk, Mr. RYAN, and myself, in addition to Mr. O'IAN. One of the members of the board was absent. I am not sure whether it was Mr. DEVINE or Mr. CARR, but I believe that it was Mr. CARR.

"Mr. O'IAN was duly sworn as a witness by Chairman SAMUEL CARPENTER, JR. Mr. O'IAN testified on his own behalf and was cross-examined by members of the Board and by myself. He testified under oath that he was an ordained minister of religion, that he had been ordained in San Francisco. He claimed to have performed over 1000 marriages, to have been formerly in an organization called "Assemblies of God." He claimed to have built a church at 916 Laguna Street, San Francisco.

"He was questioned concerning his arrest in a hotel room in Portland, Oregon on the charge of disorderly conduct. From information and newspaper clippings in the file it appeared that he had been apprehended in his hotel room with the wife of a sailor. He stated very positively that the charges of disorderly conduct had been dismissed by the trial court in Portland, Oregon. He stated that his reason for being in the hotel room with the young lady was for the reason of giving her spiritual advice.

"He stated at the time of the hearing that he was preaching regularly, and also broadcasting on the radio. He stated that his principal place of operation is in Tacoma, also at Portland, and at Crystal Lake Park, which I believe was stated to be in Washington. Mr. O'IAN did not produce any documentary evidence of his ordination but he very definitely stated he had been ordained by the San Francisco Gospel Center, then operating at 14th and Rachel, and that he also was ordained by the Bible Broadcasting Association, organized by a Dr. BROCH.

"Mr. O'IAN withdrew and the matter was considered by members of the Board present. All members of the Board present and the appeal agent were unanimously of the opinion that he was not a person of good character, that he was not a sincere or devout man, but that he was in religion as a means of living;

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however, members of the Board and the appeal agent were likewise unanimously of the opinion that deferment could not be refused to an ordained or recognized minister of religion merely by reason of doubt, even well-founded, as to his sincerity or honesty, and accordingly the Board voted reluctantly to give him the classification requested.

/s/ ALAN H. CRITCHER"

Signed in the presence of:

BOYCE H. LINES, Special Agent, FBI
EDWARD DORNLAS, JR. Special Agent, FBI

"San Francisco, California
September 13, 1945

"I, EDWARD J. MURPHY, a member of Local Draft Board No. 95, 50 Oak Street, San Francisco, California, make the following statement freely and voluntarily to special agent BOYCE H. LINES and EDWARD DORNLAS, JR. who are known to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

OLIVER BRINLEY OWEN, was registered with Local Draft Board No. 95, 50 Oak Street, San Francisco, California, on October 16, 1940, and was given Order No. 54 and serial number 3039. He filed his questionnaire on November 18, 1940, and on November 23, 1940 was first classified as 11A. Thereafter to-wit on April 30, 1945 he was reclassified as 1A and ordered to report for preinduction examination on May 10th, 1945. On May 8th, 1945 he telegraphed Local Board No. 95 that he was appealing his classification. On May 21st 1945 he personally appeared before said Local Board, was sworn and testified.

"During the giving of his testimony he was questioned by the members of said Board relative to newspaper report of his arrest and conviction by a Municipal Court of Portland, Oregon, of disorderly conduct involving morals; was fined \$50, and sentenced to thirty days in jail.

"Registrant testified that he appealed from said judgment and conviction; that thereafter the case against him was dismissed. Registrant further testified that the charges against him was "a frame-up".

"After discussion by the members of the Board, it was decided that the only question for determination by the Board was whether Registrant was a regularly ordained Minister of Religion; and finding that he was, he was thereupon classified as 4D.

/s/ EDWARD J. MURPHY"

Witnesses: BOYCE H. LINES, Special Agent, FBI
EDWARD DORNLAS, JR., Special Agent, FBI

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Mr. MURPHY advised that the facts set forth in the above statement are as he remembered the facts the subject presented on the night of May 21, 1945. He asked that in view of his age and poor memory that he did not wish to be a witness in this case if it should go to trial.

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THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA: Will consult Assistant United States Attorney, JOSEPH KARESH, as to a decision of possible prosecution of the subject.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This case originated at **PORTLAND, OREGON**

File No. **31-4130**

Report made at PORTLAND, OREGON	Date made 11/23/45	Period 10/4, 22, 23, 24, 25/45	Report made by WILLIAM E. GELDER
Title OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was. Oliver Jerry Owen, Rev. Jerry Owen. Harry Roberts, [REDACTED] - VICTIM			Character WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject's and [REDACTED]'s appeal to Circuit Court on disorderly conduct charge not yet set. Dr. MAURICE BROCK, president, Bible Broadcasting Company, Portland, Oregon, advises he assumed OWEN ordained but did not see his ordination. BROCK issued OWEN credentials which expired in summer of 1943 and not renewed. Subject in Houston, Texas, victim in Des Moines, Iowa, and subject's wife in Los Angeles, Calif. USA Portland states only chance to get WSTA indictment is through cooperation with victim. File reviewed as to OWEN's religious affiliations.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File #31-71285.

DETAILS: AT PORTLAND, OREGON:

On October 4, 1945, the writer contacted EDGAR F. MARTIN, Deputy City Attorney, City Hall, who advised in regard to the appeal taken by the subject and victim on their disorderly conduct case that it had not yet been set for trial. Mr. MARTIN further stated that the reason this case had not been set for trial was due to the request of the subject's and victim's attorney, WILLIAM DICKSON, Yeon Building, who advised him that the subject was presently in California and was planning on going to Chicago, Illinois, on business.

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Assistant U. S. Attorney J. MASON DILLARD and AUSA VICTOR A. HARR, after considering the facts in this case, advised that it was their opinion that a successful prosecution could not be had against the subject on a White Slave Traffic Act violation unless the victim's cooperation was obtained. It was further stated that at the present time the subject's transportation of the victim from the state of Washington to the state of Oregon could not be established by other evidence than the testimony of the victim. It was also stated that the testimony of Mr. and Mrs. WENDELL WALLER could not be used for the purpose of a grand jury indictment or for trial purposes without involving them as conspirators in this violation, and further that they were in a position to claim privilege and decline to give any testimony relative to this matter. Mr. DILLARD and Mr. HARR further advised that if the cooperation of the victim could not be obtained they would subpoena her to testify before the next grand jury being held in Portland in the hope that testimony could be obtained from her in this manner.

AT MILWAUKIE, OREGON:

Dr. MAURICE BROCK, 2615 Harrison Street, upon interview advised that he is the president of the Bible Broadcasting Company and that in this capacity he issued credentials to OWEN to preach for this company during the summer of 1942. Dr. BROCK stated these credentials were only valid for one year, and added that he had not seen OWEN's ordination. Dr. BROCK stated that in view of the fact that OWEN had been actively engaged in religious work at the time he issued him his credentials, he assumed that OWEN had been ordained and that his ordination was still in effect. Dr. BROCK stated that at the time of the issuance of the credentials, OWEN displayed several letters to him from the Open Bible Standard Churches of Des Moines, Iowa. Dr. BROCK also advised that he knew from personal knowledge that the subject had at one time been connected with the Assembly of God Church for some time. Dr. BROCK further added that he at no time has ordained the subject, and advised that on August 3, 1945, he bought OWEN's equity in the Crystal Lake Tabernacle, Milwaukie, Oregon, and "The People, Inc." for the sum of \$12,500, and that OWEN subsequent to that time has no connection with either of these groups.

Dr. BROCK stated that to the best of his knowledge the subject was staying in Oakland, California, that he doesn't know what he is doing for a living, but that he is friendly with a Dr. B. B. PATTON, who operates a religious organization at Lake Merit, Oakland, California. Dr. BROCK stated also that it was his understanding that OWEN was furnished a free room at the hotel owned by PATTON, which is located in Oakland.

AT PORTLAND, OREGON:

WILLIAM DICKSON, attorney, Yeon Building, advised upon interview that approximately a week ago he received an undated letter from OWEN which was post-

marked at Houston, Texas, and written on the stationery of the Rice Hotel in that city. Mr. DICKSON advised that OWEN stated in this letter that he had left Oakland, California, and was intending to spend several months in Houston, Texas, that he was having difficulty in obtaining living quarters, but that he could be reached in care of General Delivery, that city. Mr. DICKSON advised that in regard to the victim he had received a letter dated September 26, 1945, written on stationery of the Victoria Hotel in Des Moines, Iowa, in which she stated she was employed in Des Moines and she was very dissatisfied, that she was intending to return to Portland, and that she could be contacted in care of her sister, Mrs. ROBERT DANI, 4008 6th Street, phone 32914. Mr. DICKSON further advised that the subject's and victim's appeal on their disorderly conduct charge had not yet been set in the Multnomah County Circuit Court, and added that the subject's and victim's bondsmen are J. and FRANK HOCHFELD.

Mrs. L. J. BODISH, 2651 N. W. Upshur Street, advised that it was her understanding that Mrs. OWEN, the subject's wife, is presently residing with her mother in Los Angeles, California, but added that she did not know the mother's name or address.

EVELYN CAMERON, Roosevelt Hotel employee, 1005 N. W. Park Street, advised that the subject's wife BEVERLY is residing with her mother, Mrs. EDA VOSSLER, at 2015 Second Avenue, Los Angeles, California. She added that her father is interested in determining the whereabouts of OWEN inasmuch as the subject owes him money.

A review of the file in this case relative to the subject's religious affiliations reflects a teletype from the Des Moines Field Division dated April 11, 1945, to the effect that Rev. BRYANT MITCHELL, dean of Open Bible Institute, Des Moines, Iowa, stated that the subject did not attend and is not associated with that organization, that OWEN appeared as an evangelistic speaker in numerous Open Bible Churches against the wishes of the institute and under the auspices of JOHN R. RICHIE, former field superintendent of the Open Bible Institute. This teletype further goes on to state that the subject at one time was a minister of the Assembly of God, but was discharged in 1939 because of adulterous conduct occurring at San Francisco, and apparently has not been ordained by any organized group since then.

The report of SA J. LUTHER GLASS dated April 24, 1945, at Kansas City, Missouri, reflects that Rev. J. ROSWELL FLOER, secretary of the General Council, Assembly of God, Springfield, Missouri, advised that OWEN was licensed to preach by the Northern California District, Assembly of God, from 1937 to 1938, that he was expelled from the presbytery in the spring of 1938 after reported illicit relations with three girls at San Francisco, California.

The report of SA JOHN JOSEPH BRYANT dated May 8, 1945, at Los Angeles, California, reflects that JOHN R. RICHIE advised that he organized and promoted

the Church of the Open Bible; that in the summer of 1940 he met the subject at Mirror Lake, Washington, and that he arranged for the subject to conduct meetings in Seattle, Washington, Tacoma, Washington, Denver, Colorado, and Des Moines, Iowa. He stated that the subject was not an employee of his nor was he an employee of the Church of the Open Bible, that at the time of the meeting the subject had lost his standing as an evangelist because of immoral conduct. That it was his understanding that subject had been ordained by the Assembly of God, and that the subject was not appearing in any of the churches of the Open Bible after 1941.

The report of SA SAMUEL B. MURPHY of Seattle, Washington, dated May 10, 1945, reflects that Rev. J. A. BOGUE, secretary, Northwest District Council, Assembly of God, advised that subject was licensed by the Assembly of God, Northern California District, as minister in 1937, that he was in a church for six months at which time he was expelled because of immoral conduct, and that he has not been connected officially with this church since that time. Rev. BOGUE added that after subject's license in California was revoked, OWEN went to the state of Washington under the auspices of Rev. OFFILIER, Bethel Temple, Seattle.

The lead to obtain handwriting specimens of the subject and victim as set out in the report of SA ROBERT E. MESTERS dated July 7, 1945, at Seattle, Washington, is being disregarded because it is felt that even if the registration could be proved, it would not be as good evidence as hotel witnesses already obtained as set out in the report of SA SAMUEL B. MURPHY dated August 3, 1945, at Seattle, Washington.

For the information of the Houston Field Division, on June 10, 1943, subject, an evangelist, wrote to victim's mother and sent \$50 for victim's transportation from Des Moines, Iowa, to Portland, Oregon. Subject arranged and furnished money for victim to travel from Seattle, Washington, to Portland, Oregon, on February 25, 1945, for abortion in Portland. Victim stated to witnesses that subject was responsible for her condition, and they stayed together at witnesses' home in Portland on night of February 12, 1945. Subject and victim arrested by Portland Police Department in undressed condition at the Gallory Hotel on February 17, 1945, and sentenced to thirty days and fined \$50 on disorderly conduct charge. Subject and victim presently on \$250 appeal bond. Both subject and victim deny any immoral relationship.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

DES MOINES

AT DES MOINES, IOWA:

Will at the home of Mrs. ROBERT DARR, 4008 6th, again attempt to obtain victim's cooperation and a signed statement relative to this case.

HOUSTON

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS:

Will interview subject regarding his authority to act as a minister, and examine his ordination by the San Francisco Gospel Center, paying particular attention to the date it expires, if any, and the persons who ordained him, so that they may be interviewed. Will also examine any other papers he may have that purport to give him authority to act as a minister, and advise the San Francisco Field Division. (The subject may be located in care of the Rice Hotel or General Delivery.)

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

Will interview subject's wife BEVERLY, c/o Mrs. EDA VOSSLER, 2015 Second Avenue, relative to the date and place of her marriage to subject and verify the same, subject's ordination, and any facts in this case which may be of help in its prosecution. (It is noted in this respect that the subject stated he married her in Los Angeles on September 30, 1937, whereas investigation discloses that the subject was not married in Los Angeles on that date in 1936, 1937, or 1938.)

SAN FRANCISCO

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

Will, when the leads in this report relative to subject's ordination are covered, present this case to the U. S. Attorney for violation of the Selective Service Act.

SEATTLE

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON:

Will contact W. H. OFFILLER, pastor of Bethel Temple, Second

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Avenue and Lenora Streets, and determine the date, place, and by whom subject was ordained, and if such ordination is still in effect, and advise the San Francisco Field Division.

✓ PORTLAND

AT PORTLAND, OREGON:

Will, when the above leads are covered, contact the U. S. Attorney relative to prosecution.

Portland, Oregon
December 29, 1945

MEMO, SAC

RE: OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was,
[REDACTED], was,
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

This is to advise in regard to the above captioned case that on December 20, 1945, the writer happened to recognize [REDACTED] on the streets in Portland, and upon stopping to talk to her it was determined that she has returned from Iowa and is now planning to live in Portland. Miss [REDACTED] stated that at the present time she is not working but that she is living with a JUNE MARLIN in Apartment 1, 3257 S. E. Hawthorne.

During the conversation with Miss [REDACTED] she repeated her denials concerning any immoral relationship with the subject but maintained a friendly attitude. Miss [REDACTED] advised that she did not know the present whereabouts of the subject and added that she had not heard from him during any of the time that she had been in Iowa, or since she has returned to Portland. Miss [REDACTED] also stated that she did not know the present whereabouts of the subject's wife.

In this connection it will be noted that in Serial 27 of the Portland Field Division file the addresses of both the subject and his wife are set out, the same having been obtained from other sources.

WILLIAM E. GELDER
SPECIAL AGENT

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OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, WAS, WSTA. VICTIM NOW IN PORTLAND. IF
VICTIM ALREADY INTERVIEWED REPORT RESULTS. OTHERWISE DISCONTINUE
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Portland, Oregon
January 9, 1946.

MEMO TO THE SAC;

Re: OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was
[REDACTED], was
WSTA

On this date AUSA VICTOR HARR advised that he is considering calling the victim before the next Grand Jury for interrogation. MR. HARR asked that he be recontacted with regard to this case when the next Grand Jury convenes which will probably be in the next three weeks.

SA Norman B. Belfrey

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REPORT MADE AT SAN FRANCISCO	DATE WHEN MADE 1/17/46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/27;12/14/45	REPORT MADE BY CURTIS O. LYNUM a.m.
TITLE OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was. Oliver Jerry Owen, Rev. Jerry Owen, Harry Roberts, [REDACTED] was. [REDACTED]			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT SELECTIVE SERVICE
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: - VICTIM USA, San Francisco, declined prosecution on Selective Service and authorized closing of the file. - RUC - REFERENCE: Bureau File 31-71285. Report of Special Agent WILLIAM B. GELDER dated November 28, 1945, at Portland. DETAILS: AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. By letter dated November 27, 1945, the U. S. Attorney at San Francisco was requested to review his file and advise whether or not he desired to prosecute subject for a violation of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940. By letter dated December 4, 1945, U. S. Attorney FRANK J. HENNESSY advised that a review of his file convinced him that it would be difficult to secure a conviction against subject for violation of the Selective Service Act and therefore he was declining prosecution and closing his file in this matter. -- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN --			
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PORTLAND, OREGON**

FILE NO. **31-572**

REPORT MADE AT HOUSTON, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 1-15-46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-11-46	REPORT MADE BY HARRIS VAN WAGNER RHW
TITLE OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was., Oliver Jerry Owen, Rev. Jerry Owen, Harry Roberts, [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] was [REDACTED]			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

SYNOPSIS - **[REDACTED] - VICTIM**

Subject left Rice Hotel in October and requested general delivery Houston to forward mail to general delivery Dallas on 10-29-45.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File #**31-71285**

DETAILS: **AT HOUSTON, TEXAS**

Mr. WARE, House Detective for the Rice Hotel examined the records of the Rice Hotel and advised that Subject stayed there for a short period of time in October and that a letter addressed to him at the Rice Hotel on 10-17-45 had been returned to the Post Office in Houston as the Hotel had no forwarding address for him.

Inquiry of the Postmaster at Houston, Texas discloses that Subject requested that his mail coming to general delivery be forwarded to general delivery, Dallas, Texas 10-29-45 and that the directories of the postmaster at Houston reflect no information concerning Subject. Also examination of the city directory for the City of Houston failed to disclose subject's whereabouts.

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For the benefit of the Dallas Field Division, a copy of the report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. GELDER dated November 28, 1945 at Portland, Oregon is enclosed.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION

At Dallas, Texas: Will attempt to locate Subject at Dallas, Texas and interview him regarding his authority to act as a minister and examine his ordination by the Los Angeles Gospel Center, paying attention to the date it expires and the persons who ordained him. Will examine any other papers he may have to authorize him to act as a minister and will advise the San Francisco Field Division.

ENCLOSURE FOR DALLAS FIELD DIVISION: 1 copy of report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. GELDER dated 11-28-45 at Portland, Oregon,

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PORTLAND, OREGON**

FILE NO. **31-854**

REPORT MADE AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	DATE WHEN MADE 1/23/46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/10/46	REPORT MADE BY C. ERWIN PIPER	HJ
TITLE OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, with aliases: Oliver Jerry Owen, Rev. Jerry Owen, Harry Roberts, [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] with aliases: [REDACTED]			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Reverend W. H. OFFILER, Seattle, Wash., authorized to ordain but has never ordained Subject; however, Subject was employed by Rev. OFFILER for short periods on three occasions; severed connections because of Subject's continual "woman trouble". - RUC - References: Bureau file #31-71285. Report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. GELDER dated August 14, 1945, at Portland, Oregon. Report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. GELDER dated November 28, 1945, at Portland, Oregon. Details: On January 10, 1946, Reverend W. H. OFFILER, Pastor of the Bethel Temple Church at 2035 Second Avenue, Seattle, Washington, was interviewed by the reporting agent. He advised that he was ordained in 1910 in the Apostolic Assembly at Spokane, Washington, and, by virtue of that ordination, is empowered to ordain. His right to ordain also derives from the Articles of Incorporation of his church, which was incorporated as the Bethel Pentecostal Temple around 1928 at Olympia, Washington. Reverend OFFILER advised that Subject OWEN has been employed by him for short periods of approximately one month's duration on three different occasions, the last of which was approximately a year ago. He stated that he has never ordained Subject OWEN and, to his knowledge, Subject OWEN is not ordained by any				
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church. OWEN, however, had applied to Reverend OFFILER about two years ago for ordination, but his request was declined by Reverend OFFILER.

The last time Reverend OFFILER saw Subject OWEN was approximately one year ago, at which time he and OWEN severed connections. The reason for this separation, according to Reverend OFFILER, was due to the fact that Subject OWEN had been in trouble continuously with different girls in every location in which he worked. Reverend OFFILER had previously thought that the frequent rumors he received concerning Subject OFFILER were baseless; however, just prior to the occasion of their last meeting, he had received unimpeachable information concerning OWEN's relations with another girl not his wife. Reverend OFFILER was unable to furnish the name of this girl but stated that she had been a member of Reverend ERNIE BAXTER's congregation in Vancouver, British Columbia, and that he would know her identity. An illegitimate child was born to this girl approximately a year ago and, according to Reverend OFFILER, OWEN was the father of this child.

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On January 23 a check was made at the Hall of Records Building, 220 North Broadway, Room 103, Los Angeles, by the writer, where it was ascertained that Marriage Application No. 17333 was issued on September 28, 1936, to JERRY OLIVER OWEN, 827 West 35th Street, Los Angeles. On the application he stated he was a native of Ohio, having been born on April 16, 1915. BEVERLY ADAIR MURCAR, 1443 Bonnie Brae, Los Angeles, was shown to be a native of Washington, born November 12, 1918, and was making application by the consent of her mother.

The County Clerk's records, Room 101, Hall of Records Building, Los Angeles, reflected that in Book No. 1387, page 82, license No. 16949 was issued on the above application and the marriage was performed on September 30, 1936, by Rev. W. L. MILLER, Methodist Episcopal minister. The ceremony was witnessed by Mrs. ETTA WOOD, 1443 South Bonnie Brae Avenue, Los Angeles.

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REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 1/29/46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/23/46	REPORT MADE BY ROYAL L. STAUPFER	KH
TITLE OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, with aliases; [REDACTED], with aliases - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject and wife, BEVERLY OWEN, are presently residing together in Dallas, Texas. Mrs. ADA BOSSLER, mother of Beverly, has no specific information concerning subject's ordination. Records in Los Angeles County reflect subject and wife married 9/30/36 in Los Angeles.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau file 31-71285.

Report of Special Agent William E. Gelder, Portland, 11/28/45.

DETAILS:

On January 23, 1946, the writer contacted Mrs. ADA BOSSLER, 2015 Second Avenue, Apartment 201, Los Angeles, California, telephone Republic 5776, and she related the following story: She is the mother of BEVERLY OWEN, whose maiden name was BEVERLY ADAIR MURCAN and who was married to OLIVER JERRY OWEN sometime in September, 1936, in a church near the University of Southern California campus, where he was attending school at the time. Mrs. Bossler went to the City Hall to sign for Beverly's marriage license inasmuch as she was under 18 at the time. She stated that Beverly and the subject are presently residing together at 5018 Abbott Avenue, Dallas, Texas, telephone Lakeside 2589, and that Beverly periodically calls her by long distance telephone complaining of her domestic difficulties with the subject. Mrs. Bossler could furnish no specific information concerning the subject's ordination except that she believed he was ordained sometime in 1938 at San Francisco.

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TO : SAC, Portland

DATE: February 11, 1946

FROM : J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT: OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, with aliases
 [REDACTED] with aliases - VICTIM
 WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

A review of the Bureau's file pertaining to the above-captioned matter reflects that the last report which it has received from your office, the division of origin, is that of Special Agent William E. Gelder dated November 28, 1945, at Portland, which contained undeveloped leads to be covered by your office and the Des Moines, Los Angeles and Seattle Divisions.

In view of the delinquent status of this case and, further, since the U. S. Attorney at Portland, Oregon, has indicated that he would authorize prosecution against this subject under the provisions of the White Slave Traffic Act provided the cooperation of the victim was obtained, each office receiving copies of instant memorandum is hereby instructed to afford this case prompt and vigorous investigative attention in order that it may be brought to its early and logical conclusion.

As soon as the investigation has been concluded, you are hereby instructed to promptly present the complete facts developed to the appropriate U. S. Attorney in your jurisdiction for the purpose of ascertaining whether he will authorize prosecution against the subject under the White Slave Traffic Act.

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 Los Angeles
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PORTLAND, OREGON**

FILE NO. **31-5218**

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REPORT MADE AT DALLAS, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 2/18/46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/25, 27, 30, 30/46	REPORT MADE BY LEWIS F. RUSSELL, SA
TITLE OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was, Oliver Jerry Owen, Rev. Jerry Owen, Harry Roberts, [REDACTED]			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

- VICTIM

Subject unable to produce certificate of ordination, stating they are with his personal effects in San Francisco. Also advised he was ordained by Assemblies of God, Northern California District, in 1937 and withdrew in 1938. Claimed he established Gospel Center Church, Inc., San Francisco, in 1938 and was ordained by this organization. Also claims ordained by Bible Broadcast Association, Portland, and Bethel Temple, Inc., Seattle.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file 31-71285
Report of Special Agent HARRIS VAN WAGNER, Houston, Texas dated 1/15/46
Report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. GELDER, Portland, Oregon dated 11/26/45.

DETAILS: At Dallas, Texas

Reference report of Special Agent GELDER requested that the subject be interviewed and questioned regarding his authority to act as a minister and to examine his ordination by the San Francisco Gospel Center, as well as any other papers he might have purporting to give him authority to act as a minister. This report requested that the San Francisco Field Division be furnished with this information in order that the facts might be presented there for possible violation of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940.

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On January 30, 1946 the subject was contacted by telephone at his residence, 5018 Abbott Avenue, Dallas, and he came to the Dallas Field Division on this date where he was interviewed by Special Agent JAMES W. BOOKHOUT and the reporting agent.

At the time of this interview OWENS stated that he attended the University of South Carolina for one semester in 1936 and 1937. He stated that during this period he was converted and decided to become a minister of the Gospel. He left school and was ordained and licensed in June, 1937 by the Assemblies of God, Northern California District with headquarters in St. Helena, California. OWENS stated that this license to him at this time was to remain in effect for one year from the date it was issued. However, he stated that he voluntarily withdrew from the Assemblies of God in January, 1938.

In the early part of 1938, OWENS stated that he founded the organization known as Gospel Center Church, Inc., with headquarters at 916 Laguna Street, San Francisco, California. He stated that he was ordained by this organization and that since that time he has ordained a number of other preachers. OWENS stated that he presently serves as president of this organization which he states is incorporated under the laws of the State of California.

OWENS also advised that he was ordained by DR. MORRIS BROCK of the Bible Broadcast Association located at Southwest 20th and Hawthorne in Portland, Oregon. According to OWEN this license is still in force. He stated that he renews it every year and that it was last renewed in May, 1945.

OWENS also advised that he was ordained by the Bethel Temple, Inc. with headquarters in Seattle, Washington. He stated that he was ordained by this organization on June 10, 1944 and that this license is still in force.

OWENS further stated that he has been associated with the Open Bible Standard Churches of Des Moines, Iowa, as well as the Fundamental Christian Association with offices at Main and Austin Streets in Dallas. OWENS stated that he has not been ordained by either one of these organizations because he did not desire to be ordained by them. OWENS says that he is an evangelist who goes from town to town preaching the Gospel, and at the present time he is conducting services at the Bible Auditorium located at 8th and Lancaster Streets in Dallas. On this matter he stated that he bought this lot and building and that he intends to conduct services there for about a month or sixty days more, at which time he will turn over the Church to a preacher connected with the Fundamental Christian Association mentioned above.

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OWENS exhibited his Selective Service classification card which revealed that he was classified 4-D on January 12, 1943 by Local Board #95 located at 50 Oak Street, San Francisco, California. His registration card reflected that he registered with this Board on November 16, 1940; was assigned Order No. 54 and showed his address at that time as 916 Laguna Street, San Francisco. The subject's date of birth as reflected by this registration card was shown to be April 16, 1913 in Ashland, Ohio. OWENS stated that he is presently residing in a garage apartment at 5018 Abbott Avenue, Beverly Addition. OWENS stated he has a five year old son, [REDACTED], who was born February 15, 1941 in San Francisco, California.

During the course of this interview OWENS volunteered the information that he knew why he was being questioned by this office and stated that he was not surprised. He stated that the Assemblies of God had often reported him and caused him to have trouble with local authorities. OWENS further volunteered the information that he had been connected with "the racket" prior to the time he was converted. He stated that he had been friendly with JOE SAVOLDI in South Bend, Indiana at the time that he, OWENS, was playing football in high school. When questioned concerning his participation in "the racket" OWENS stated that through SAVOLDI and others he had become friendly with a number of girls in hotels in the vicinity of South Bend and that these girls had given him money and purchased clothing for him. He stated that he was young and did not realize what he was getting into. OWENS declined further to make comment concerning his participation in "the racket", stating that he had asked God to forgive him and that all this was a thing of the past.

OWENS further volunteered information indicating that in 1938 he had come to Fort Worth, Texas to conduct meetings under the auspices of the Assemblies of God; while he was there he stated that the Assemblies of God had failed to fulfill their agreement with him and that he and his wife were stranded without funds in Fort Worth, Texas. He stated that he had previously known a racketeer in Fort Worth and that he attempted to contact this racketeer in order to borrow some money from him to return to California. In making this attempt to contact this racketeer, whose name he could not recall, he made inquiries at a barber shop as to the location of the Red Light District in Fort Worth. OWENS advised that the barber through whom he had made inquiry concerning the location of the red light district had told a preacher connected with the Assemblies of God about the inquiry and that the Assembly of God had accused him of attempting to engaged in the "racket" and to transport women across the State line for immoral purposes.

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It was noted that the Dallas Office is in possession of a letter furnished by the Seattle Office under date of March 12, 1941. This letter contains information concerning the subject's activities in Fort Worth in 1938. No definite information was developed as a result of investigation conducted in the Fort Worth area in 1941 and the matter was closed at the request of the San Francisco Office by telegram dated August 29, 1941.

OWENS was unable to furnish any ordination papers, certificates, or identification cards reflecting that he was a minister of the Gospel. He stated that all his ordination certificates were with his personal effects which are presently in storage with the Bekins Van and Storage Company in San Francisco, California. He further stated that MR. EDMUND G. HALL, Attorney with offices in the Central Tower Building, San Francisco, and MR. GEORGE DAVIS, Attorney who is now located at Presidio, California, had rendered legal service for him in the past and were familiar with his connection with the Church in California.

OWENS further stated that the Draft Board in San Francisco had considered his case and had classified him as a minister in A-D.

OWENS appeared to be very cooperative and offered to furnish any additional information that this office might desire.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PORTLAND, OREGON**

FILE NO. **31-4130**

REPORT MADE AT PORTLAND, OREGON	DATE WHEN MADE 3-12-46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-28-46 3-7-46	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM E. GELDER
TITLE OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was.; [REDACTED], was. - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] again denies immoral relations with OWEN. [REDACTED] now at Des Moines, Iowa, with mother. USA, Portland, declines prosecution of OWEN for WSTA.

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REFERENCES:

Bureau File 31-71285.
Report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. GELDER dated November 28, 1945, at Portland, Oregon.

DETAILS:

At Portland, Oregon:

A review of the file in this case reflects that on December 20, 1945, the writer recognized the victim on the streets of Portland and upon stopping to talk to her it was determined that she had returned from Iowa and was now planning to live permanently in Portland, Oregon. Miss [REDACTED] stated that at the present time she was not working but that she is living with JUNE MARLIN in Apartment I, 3257 S. E. Hawthorne Boulevard. During the conversation with Miss [REDACTED] she repeated her denials concerning any immoral relationship with the subject but maintained a friendly attitude. Miss [REDACTED] further advised that the subject had nothing to do with her transportation from Washington to Oregon and was in no way responsible for her difficulty approximately a year ago. Miss [REDACTED] further advised that she did not know the present whereabouts of the subject and added that she had not heard from him during any of the time that she had been in Iowa or for that matter since she had returned to Portland.

In view of the fact that a lead had been set out for the Des Moines Field Division to interview the subject, a telegram was directed to that office advising them to discontinue investigation unless the victim had already been interviewed.

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On January 9, 1946, Special Agent NORMAN B. BELFREY was advised by Assistant U. S. Attorney VICTOR E. HARR that he was considering calling the victim for the next session of the Federal Grand Jury at Portland for interrogation. Mr. HARR requested that he be recontacted with regard to this case when the Grand Jury next convenes.

JUNE MARLIN, 3257 S. E. Hawthorne Boulevard, Apartment 1, upon interview advised that she was no longer living with Miss [REDACTED], that the latter left Portland approximately six weeks ago and had returned to Des Moines, Iowa, where she is presently staying with her mother.

BRUNSWICK MAYER, Superintendent of Mail, main Post Office Building, advised after reference to the Post Office records that Miss [REDACTED] left no forwarding address after leaving 3257 S. E. Hawthorne Boulevard.

AUSA J. MASON DILLARD upon being advised that the victim had returned to Des Moines, Iowa, stated that upon being advised of the victim's return to Des Moines, Iowa, and further, that although she had been interviewed several times concerning her relationship with the subject and had refused each time to implicate the subject in any way, advised that in view of the fact that this case could not be successfully prosecuted without the victim's cooperation, that he would decline prosecution. Mr. DILLARD further stated that he and Assistant U. S. Attorney VICTOR A. HARR had discussed this case in great detail approximately two weeks ago and they had both come to the conclusion that no successful prosecution could be had on a White Slave Traffic Act charge unless the victim would cooperate with the government in their presentation of the case.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

At San Francisco, California:

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Portland
FROM : SAC, San Francisco

DATE: March 20, 1946

SUBJECT: OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was.;
[REDACTED], was - VICTIM
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. GELDER dated March 12, 1946 at Portland. In this report a lead is set for the San Francisco Office to review the subject's religious connections as indicated in previous reports and present the facts to the Assistant United States Attorney, JOSEPH KARESH, relative to prosecution of subject OWEN under the Selective Service Act.

You are referred to the report of Special Agent CURTIS O. LYNUM dated January 17, 1946 at San Francisco, California. This report indicates that the facts have been discussed with the office of the United States Attorney and that prosecution has been declined.

This case is being considered Referred Upon Completion to the Office of Origin in the San Francisco Office.

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TITLE OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was., Oliver Jerry Owen, Rev. Jerry Owen. Harry Roberts, [REDACTED] WAS. [REDACTED]			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT
			-VICTIM

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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C.

REFERENCE:

Bureau file 31-71285;
Report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. GELDER, Portland, Oregon dated March 12, 1946.
Letter from San Francisco Office dated March 20, 1946.

DETAILS:

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Omaha 2, Nebraska
February 9, 1948

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United States Attorney
Des Moines, Iowa

Attention: Mr. Cloyd I. Level
Assistant United States Attorney

Re: Oliver Brindley Owen, with aliases.
[REDACTED], with aliases -
Victim
White Slave Traffic Act

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The victim further stated that she did not desire to prosecute the subject should [REDACTED].

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Very truly

J. L. DALTON
Special Agent in Charge

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